

Florida International University
Chemistry Graduate Students Organization
General Meeting
September 9, 2005
Chemistry Conference Room
MINUTES – Prepared by Maiko Kusano

Members Present

Josh Cloutier, Michael Macias, Maiko Kusano, Carla Turner, Kerry Opel, Davia Hudson, JoNell Aarons, Baishakhi Das, Simrat Singh, John Locher-Radson, Jean-Philippe Pitteloud, Amar Patel, Sandra Garcia, Gela Medoza, Meilian Chen, Minakshi Gurbhele, Farhana Kibria, Lorraine Edwards, Megan Bottegal, Cassian D’Cunha, Monica Joshi, Alok Bhute, Amol Kolhe, Ben Naes, Ross Harper, Thao Dang, Melissa Doud

2:05 p.m. meeting called to order by Josh.

1. GSO/GSA Introduction

- a. Chemistry GSO Officers
 - President – Josh Cloutier
 - VP Chemistry – Simrat Singh
 - VP Forensics – Melissa Doud
 - Treasurer – Michael Macias
 - Secretary – Maiko Kusano
 - GSA Liaison – Megan Bottegal
 - Activities Chair – Carla Turner
- b. Chemistry GSO website has been updated with a new mission statement. Goal for this year is to get people’s faces on the website.
- c. GSA is a part of SGA. GSA assists graduate students in various ways such as conference/travel funding and financially funding the GSO. The more we do, we get more points which in turn affects how much funding we will receive.
More information about the GSA can be found at www.fiu.edu/~gsa.
 - GSA General Meeting – September 14 (Wed.) in GC140
 - 1st Gradskellar of the year – September 15 or 16 (TBA), Luau theme
- d. Guidelines for funding by GSA.
 - We can get more points by attending GSO events and signing up as “Chem/Biochem GSO”
 - Attending 4 GSA general meetings - \$50
 - Submitting 4 minutes from GSO meetings - \$50
 - Updated website - \$50
 - \$100 for every activity we hold

2. Budget

- a. This semester we received \$300 from GSA, which is twice the amount we received last year! It’s time to do some kind of fundraiser.
- b. #1 goal for this semester is to get Chemistry Department T-shirts!! We need unifying theme and design. Please share if you have any good ideas for a T-shirt design.

- c. Chemistry Department “Graduate Resources Fund” – We need to talk to Dr. O’Shea to decide how to spend that money. We will see if we can get the T-shirt money from that account.

3. Past Events

- a. Oktoberfest was a great success last year
- b. Ice Cream Social at the beginning of the summer was also successful
- c. Summer BBQ @ Key Biscayne

4. New Events

- a. Another Oktoberfest? LTER may be interested in doing a joint-event.
- b. Mole Day in combination with Halloween – “Mole-o-ween”
- c. Bowling Social – we need to look into group discount
- d. Hosting a Gradskellar – we need to organize a committee if we are going to host one. Possibility – Chemistry Olympics theme.

5. Open Discussion

- a. Intramural Sports – indoor volleyball this season. Please contact Carla for more information or if you want to play another sport.
- b. Go to the GSA website for calendar of events, information on conference/travel funding, etc.
- c. Please email Josh if you want something posted on the announcement board outside the conference room.
- d. Microwave and refrigerator in CP382A – please keep them clean!

Meeting adjourned by Josh at 2:45p.m.