

10.11.07 IGSB Open Meeting -- Minutes

People in attendance other than officers:
Sharon Schear and Heather Knowles

Meeting was called to order at 5:25pm.

Minutes from last meeting approved – Jonathan Kurche motioned to approve, Ryan Bjordahl seconded, the motion passed (all voted Aye)

Old business:

At the last meeting, Corinne wanted to work on making all meetings open to the general student body. The one reason brought up previously in opposition was that there would not be time. Corinne did not think that time would be a problem, as not very many people usually take the opportunity to attend the meetings. She took a survey of half of the students, and made a graph to extrapolate to the total student body (see attached papers/data handed out at the meeting).

- The main question asked in the surveys was: are you opposed to opening the meeting? Only three respondents said no. About 40% of those surveyed may be interested in attending a meeting
- Kurche asked if faculty meetings were open or closed, and Sharon said they were open.
- Heather suggested that the IGSB meeting is of a representative body of the students, and that we shouldn't have to have them be open.
- Ryan motioned to vote on whether or not all future meetings of the IGSB should be open meetings, Kurche seconded the motion, All but one officer voted aye, Francina voted No.
- Charles motioned to vote to change constitution to reflect this new change in the meeting rules, Ryan seconded the motion, All officers voted aye

New Business:

Jessica –

Needs to have a budget meeting before December with all major offices that have a budget so that we can be up to date as to what we have before recruitment. Will email later to find a date and time that works.

Kurche –

Mentioned that at the faculty meeting it had been discussed as to having our own budget, and that we should have a good idea as to what we will have from year to year and how we will support other events with that money. It was brought up that our surplus changes each year. It was asked if we should fix budgets, or is current system ok?

- Charles thought it would be a good idea to make a list of desired things to do with our extra money, and see how much these things would cost

- For fixed budgets... per person basis is hard because activities change
- Draft a wish list and then prioritize
- Sharon – commitment is from the AEF, and we can keep it from year to year (ex. in the Fund 20 speed type account)
- Ask the student body what they would want (send an email to generate ideas, then use those as a survey basis).

Notebook ideas for recruitment → email them to Jessica, Francina has a copy of the book from last year to go over and look at.

8th floor old color printer now used by students, post-docs, technicians and everyone but faculty

- Suggested the 1st year rep should do it... too much work for something that big
- Sharon and Andrea will put something together on the ordering process and who is responsible for it.
- Cost for upkeep and repair is not being paid for by the IGSB.
- Is this just an 8th floor option? Other floors don't have to worry about this.
- Have a general paper on top with info if something happens.

Officer Reports:

Jason Oh (communications) --

- Website Access
 - Having problems getting a hold of Frank, who currently has the sole ownership of the web page editing software and says the university has the control of the site (Frank does have content control for general stuff).
 - It is unclear at the moment as to how to get access to the site for PIs to have lab web page editing access.
 - Monique from GSC has access to university sites. Melanie can ask Monique about what is required for access.
 - Heather asked/suggested that the IGSB communications chair should be the gatekeeper from year to year.
- Website Content
 - Is there a need for other alerts to post online?
 - Heather said that there was mention about having the CRI/NIH training grants from Terry written up on the website.
- Jason will try to go to a faculty meeting as a special guest, talk to Sandy about being put on the agenda.
- Flickr → just keep everyone reminded about it.

Jackie (recruitment) --

- Sent out surveys to 1st years about what they thought about the retreat last year.
 - Liked to hotel/rooms, 3 of 4 liked D and B's, laid back environment

- Enjoyed Saturday activities
- Didn't like the dinner set up on Saturday (could only talk to those near to you)
- Thought Denver was well represented during their time here
- Current battles → move recruits to a downtown hotel (Warwick or Marriott) per JC. Warwick is the same distance as Staybridge, room would be a regular room and not a suite
- Send out an email about the joint recruitment idea to get an idea of what the students think (Heather strongly supports this)
- Put Jackie on the steering committee meetings
- Needs to start getting volunteers for recruitment

Corinne (seminar/jc and data club) --

- Seminar Series
 - Medzhitov → Feb 28 and 29th coming/scheduled to talk, have afternoon and dinner with him
 - Kurche/Ross → Pillars/journal club focused before he comes out
 - Vijay Kuchroo also accepted, and is being rescheduled for the Spring (had winter conflicts)
- Fundraising
 - Sep. 4th meeting.
 - Kurche and Lenka have a speedtype set up with Sharon
 - Had a meeting with Karen Ichiba from UCHSC for compliance for fundraising events information
 - People can make donations through the university (for general use)
 - Lindsay P, Kurche, Lenka, Lindsay, Charles are assigned to contact companies for getting donations for \$3000. Talecris app. submitted (waiting to hear back), would go to funding Kuchroo seminar. Deloit app. submitted also, waiting to hear back
 - Restaurants – Lindsey, Janie, and Shannon are on the committee, got Heidi's to donate food to last data club. Panera will be donating for October
- Schedules for seminars and data clubs not up on the website.

Kurche (grad affairs) --

- Faculty mtg. update
 - Website access
 - Bill Betz from physiology loves the careers in science series, wants each department to put in funds per post doc to have a UCHSC-wide seminar
 - JC willing to do it, but it will move to the university
 - Would we be able to do our own series here? Have it ad hoc?
 - Work on getting our own smaller lunches/coffee with the invited speakers
 - Have one of the seminars here (proportional)
 - JC wants us to increase student friendliness of the HSC
 - Parking, core, stipends, etc.

Francina (new student integration) --

- 1st year buddies established
 - Had a buddy lunch
- 1st year orientation
 - 12 faculty presented
 - Overview of what to expect the first year
 - Raul presented academic-related information How to choose a rotation and a lab talks were also given
- BBQ at congress park, 25 people attended, any feedback for next year let Francina know
- 1st year rep now Lindsay P.

Melanie (gsc rep) --

- Sequencing at UCHSC – box not moving from 9th Ave. until 08
- Senate meeting -- provost came to talk about consolidation, more info on the website.
- Round table w/student senate for student feedback is in a couple of weeks (parking, health care, core, sign as a consolidated student voice). Will send out an email, tentative for the 29th of Oct.
- Joined the finance committee on student senate → \$33659 available from student fees, \$6000 from chancellor, no one knows where it specifically goes
 - For all students, not just the grad school
 - \$9000 welcome weekend
 - \$3300 communications
 - \$2500 to philanthropy
 - \$10000 student travel (only \$1500 for the entire grad school)
 - \$2000 legislative
 - \$1000 diversity
 - \$12000 left over
 - also \$\$ to student councils
- GSC → upcoming events/student ambassador program for Anschutz, Halloween events (ask for canned goods from 6-7pm)
 - Frank has been doing GSC website
 - IGSB getting space at Anschutz under the umbrella of biomedical research, have a room for holding a function at Anschutz
 - Looking into speaker phone to conference call at GSC mtgs for IGSB

Charles (teaching and learning) --

- JJ has a new class immuno for non-immu students, Sandra is TA currently, in future others can join in and take over
- High School teaching at West High
 - Scott went to Raul's lab to learn techniques. He teaches anatomy and physiology. Sometime in Feb/March we will go over the lead some classes and in the future will need to be getting more volunteers for that

- Career fair → Pharmacology has one, think it might be a good idea to go/encourage grad school to have one

Ryan (retreat) --

- Retreat tomorrow, starts at 2, 5 people to give talks (2 from micro)
- Micro, Cancer Bio, BSP all invited