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GSG Meeting 9/25/2019

Time meeting was called to order: 12:01 P.M

Approval of meeting minutes 9/11/2019 Approved by majority

Chemistry Graduate Student Club

Elain Patel: A club primarily composed of graduate students interested in chemical sciences and those who are members of ACS chem club organizations. The club is free for graduate students. The club will have regular meetings every month and at least two special events every semester. The club will also invite and host guest speakers, assist member students with GSG grants and help new graduate students transition into the department. More information about the club can be obtained from Elain Patel (email: ealin.patel@maine.edu)

The club was unanimously approved with 36 votes.

Graduate Student Math club:

Matthew Ackley: A club for graduate students interested in math. The club meets on a weekly basis and has discussions based on a individual's research every week. The research topics that are discussed vary from pure math, applied math, statics and beyond. More information about the club can be obtained by contacting Matthew Ackley (email: matthew.ackley@maine.edu)

Approved unanimously with 36 votes.

Elections:

Professional Development Officer:

Candidates	Number of 1's	Number of 2's	Number of 3's	Number of 4's
Saman Zare	13	15	5	4
Sai Katta	17	12	8	0
Pradanya Rao	5	2	12	20
John Brindley	4	8	15	13

President:

- Jennifer Jain has been appointed (All in favor 36 votes) as the head of implementation task force. She has been selected because she is the most viable because of her position in the graduate school and due to her role as a student parent.
- All graduate students are welcome to attend the senate meetings. However, there is cap in representation. The total number of student representation per graduate unit cannot be determined until a finalized list of number of students per graduate unit is obtained.
- The president requested all senators to share the grant writing workshop event flyer in Facebook to all graduate students.
- The deadline for grant proposals are this Friday (09/27/19).
- The library committee is looking for a representative from graduate students to serve in the library committee.
- The election updates will be sent via email.
- Other updates will also be sent via email.

Treasurer:

N/A

Secretary:

- Attendance

Vice President:

N/A

Grants Officer:

N/A

Meeting Adjourned: 12:54 PM

Article I. Name The name of this organization shall be Chemistry Graduate Student Club

Article II. Objectives

- Organize two formal/non-formal events a year for the department student body and faculties
- Collaborate with the department seminar coordinator to invite and host guest speakers during the academic year
- Help transition the new graduate students into the department
- Assist graduate students with GSG grant applications

Article III. Membership The membership of this organization shall be composed of graduate students who are interested in the chemical sciences and who associate as members of the ACS ChemClub organization. Membership is free for the graduate student body of the department.

Article IV. Officers The officers of this ChemClub shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The officers shall be elected at the first meeting in August from nominees chosen by nominations from the floor. They shall take office in September and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are duly elected.

Article V. Duties of Officers There shall be four officers consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Their duties are as follows:

- The President shall convene and preside over regularly scheduled meetings.
- The Vice President shall chair committees on special subjects as designated by the president.
- The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining records, including the taking of minutes at all meetings, and sending out announcements.
- The Treasurer shall prepare the budget, receive and disburse all monies, and help develop fundraising plans.

Article VI. Faculty Advisor The ChemClub shall be led by a Faculty Advisor, whose duties shall be to advise the ChemClub both in its local activities and in its relations with the ACS. The advisor shall be present for all ChemClub activities and shall have authority to approve or disapprove all plans. The advisor shall preview all club activities for safety and seek approval from the school administration for any school-wide or public outreach activities.

Article VII. Meetings Regular meetings shall be held once a month. Special events may be arranged through the officers. There shall be at least two activities per year.

Article VIII. Amendments Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members, provided that the amendments have been proposed at the prior meeting.

Chemistry Graduate Student Club

Chemistry Graduate Student Club would provide professional and social support to the graduate students in the department of chemistry, which is constantly growing. Some of the primary goals of the club are listed below.

- Organize two formal/non-formal events a year for the department student body and faculties
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The club will be a resource to provide information about professional workshops, funding opportunities from GSG, other on-campus entities, NSYCC (Northeastern Section Younger Chemist Committee), and ACS (American Chemical Society). The students who have applied and received GSG funding (for conference/research) can help write/edit the grants for current applicants through the club. The social events would aid in increasing communication among the students of different years and sub-disciplines, which would be helpful with academic and research discussions as well as social engagement. These events would be aimed towards improving student-faculty engagement in a non-formal setting e.g. A trivia or a pumpkin carving event. In addition, the club will provide representation and an input on the Chemistry department seminar series from the student body.