

MEGA Weekly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21st 2014

Present

Voting: Jeff Abeysekera (President), Ashkan Babaie (VP Comm-Ad), Graham Hendra (VP Finance), Mazi Jalaal (VP Academic), Jenny Sullivan (VP Social)

Non-voting: Ida Karimfazli, Navid Shirzad

- 1) Mazi volunteered to be the Mech grad student contact for Hao Ma from the Center for Student Involvement and Careers at UBC.
- 2) Jeff suggested running a student-faculty pizza making class at Rocky Mountain Flatbread in Kitsilano. The cost per person would be \$25 plus tax and tip.
- 3) Jeff suggested changing the food in the pizza & skating event to sushi since there is now a planned pizza making class. The skating event has been scheduled for Feb. 11 at noon at Thunderbird Ice Rink.
- 4) Jeff suggested holding a movie night at Jeff/Jenny/Graham's house on Feb. 19 at 7:30 pm. Movie is TBD.
- 5) Ashkan updated the execs on the departmental 3MT. The department approved funding for cash prizes and food (coming from the department's budget). Ashkan needs two volunteers. The departmental heat will be held on Feb. 17.
- 6) Ashkan says he is working on rethinking the alumni seminar on how to make it a unique event (specifically different from the CHBE seminars). He thinks he will have a plan around the end of Feb.
- 7) Graham brought up compensation for TAs in the new lab space safety training. Pete Ostafichuk was told by the department that TAs are not supposed to be paid for lab space training. Jeff brought up APSC training (which TAs should be compensated for) and the Mech department's general safety training (which TAs are not currently compensated for) as examples for and against. Jeff also questioned if TAs should actually be compensated for the general safety training. Mazi and Jenny argued that they should not and it should be considered a prerequisite for getting an offer, not job training. Graham will follow up anonymously with the union to clarify what the contract says about compensation and training. Jeff will try to determine how TAs are compensated for the APSC training.