

NCSU MEAS Graduate Student Association
Meeting Minutes
09/12/2022

Present: Katy Hollinger, Tia Ogus, Greta Easthom, Tiffany VanDerwerker, Rachel Kennedy, Amanda Sinning, Emily Havard, Sean Melanson, Morgan Bell, Rachel Alcorn, Lillian Minnebo, Grant Collip, Chris Norcross, Jacob Rudolph, Abby Thornton, Nicholas Goldacker, Cameron Masiello, Zach Chalmers, Joyce Smith, Stephanie Sabatini, Shreyas Rajendra Dhavale, Tyas Pujiastuti

Next Meeting: 10/17/2022

- Introductions
 - Role of the GSA:
 - Serve as liaison between faculty and students, advocate for student rights, and create a strong grad student & postdoc community
 - General duties:
 - Meet with MEAS department head monthly, sit in on faculty meetings, meet with all other departmental GSAs monthly, and plan various events and activities for graduate students
 - Encourage people to stay involved and come to us with any feedback/ideas
- Planned events between now and the next meeting on 10/17
 - Bi-weekly happy hours Fridays 5pm
 - Bi-weekly lunches under the tent Thursdays 12pm
 - IM soccer games Tuesdays at 6pm
 - IM volleyball games Mondays at 6pm
- Financial survey being sent out soon
 - Check-in on students with recent inflation and price increases
- Events still being planned
 - Semi regular coffee & writing times
 - Graduation celebrations for defending students
 - Porktoberfest (October 22nd Saturday)
 - MEAS GSA may start selling hats
- Open-Floor:
 - Undergraduate/graduate student mixers (undergraduate clubs)
 - Tia to volunteer to spearhead Undergrad/Grad mentoring (Marine)
 - Stephanie to spearhead Undergrad/Grad mentoring (Earth)
 - Stephanie - volunteered to host Porktoberfest at her house (would need tables, chairs, carpooling is advised, bathrooms, etc.)
 - Attendance at NCSU Football Games (tailgating, etc.)