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.)