NCSU MEAS Graduate Student Association
Meeting Minutes
3/7/23

Present:
Katy Hollinger, Tiffany VanDerwerker, Kaitlin Karaffa, Jonah Hazelwood, Shreyas Dhavale, Rachel Kennedy, Tia Ogus, Rachel Alcorn, Lucy Roussa, Sean Melanson, Cameron Masiello, Mahdi Hasan

Next Meeting: 4/25

- Social activities
  - Intramural sports registration (contact Tia to join a team)
  - Happy hour at Transfer this Thursday (3/9)
  - End of semester kickball tournament
    - Possibly with food?
  - Groupme!
  - Thanks to all who came to prospective student happy hour on Friday!
  - Next cup is space cup (solar system cup)
  - General suggestions:

- Faculty Meeting Updates
  - New associate department head: Gary Lackmann
  - New DGP in training: Astrid Schnetzer
  - College of Science IT person in Jordan Hall (2144) Mondays 10-12, Thursdays 12-2

- MEAS Symposium Updates
  - MEAS has a van to shuttle people back and forth
  - Only have 4 presenters so far (2 grads, 1 undergrad, 1 emeritus)
    - Sign up if you can!
  - GSA is doing a trivia social event (probably over lunch?) with teams of mixed faculty, grads, undergrads, postdocs, etc.

- Graduate student handbook updates
  - Emily is compiling edits made by the GSA Execs
  - If anyone has thoughts or things to change, email Emily

- Financial Information
  - Putting together presentation for faculty, showing it to Lewis first then to faculty

- All Council Updates:
  - TA teaching awards for grad students - applications are due 3/22
  - Food Bank service event on March 10th
- Register to go with link in email
  - Trivia Night at Brickhouse Sports Bar on March 8th

- General Grad Student updates from gradpack newsletter
  - Graduate student research symposium
    - Wednesday April 5th
    - 2 students nominated from each department, if interested let Lonnie know!
  - Graduate fair in Talley March 8-9 from 10-4pm to get regalia, diploma frames, etc.
  - Spring break next week - take a day off if you can!

- Review of opening GSA positions for next year
  - Recruit people to run for positions
    - If you are interested in running for a position, we will be sending out a google form soon and have elections at the next meeting (4/25)