NCSU MEAS Graduate Student Association  
Meeting Minutes  
4/25/2023  

Present: Katy Hollinger, Emily Pierce, Stephanie Sabatini, Tiffany VanDerwerker, Tia Ogus, Vendela Haag, Micki Recchutti, Sean Melanson, Jonah Hazelwood, Kaitlyn Karaffa, Cam Siegal, Hwa Huang, Mahdi Hasen, Cameron Masiello, Rachel Kennedy, Shreyas Dhavale

Next Meeting: Fall Semester 2023!

- International Potluck on May 5th - signup to bring food!
- Welcome to the new MEAS GSA Exec board members
  - Each new officer made a brief introduction
- Summary of the past year’s activities
  - Hurricanes Hockey game
  - Bi-weekly lunches
  - Happy hours
  - Intramural Sports Teams
  - Fall semester orientation and kickoff
  - Mentorship pods
  - Prospective student tours, interviews, and social events
  - Ice Cream social with undergraduates
  - Porktoberfest
  - Defense Celebrations
  - Faculty panel at seminar
  - Symposium lunchtime trivia
  - Spring semester welcome back events
  - GSA website improvement
  - Graduate Handbook edits
  - Financial Survey - will present results at faculty meeting May 1st

- General Feedback
  - Potential fundraising for future activities
  - Leadership changes in the department
  - Graduate Student Symposium in the Fall
    - Didn’t happen Fall 2022 due to lack of interest from other departments
    - Maybe the new board will pursue the Symposium?
  - Future events could include some research/science, informal presentation, etc.
  - Discord channel for graduate students