



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 11th at 11:35 am

ENC 2407

Attendees:

Dr. Marc Wilson – Advisor

William Krichman – Chairman

Derek Lura – Honorary Chairman

Diego Espinosa – Treasurer

Kathleen Boland – Secretary

James Rachwal – Webmaster

Diego reported that there already is an approved and fixed budget not yet accessible to him and another hearing may be called for if the ASME officers are not satisfied with the amount. We also need a fundraiser for the general budget with \$5 pin, t-shirts. Ideas for fundraising are needed; t-shirts for the general fundraising about \$100 worth. Diego will take care of reimbursements on April 3rd-5th. We still plan on having officer elections at the end of April.

As Jose was unable to attend the meeting, we need to ask him about Dr. Lusk and the dates of the Student Regional Conference and the Mechanisms & Robotics Competition.

Events, Activities and Tasks

1. Engineering Foundations: Advertise Mechanical Engineering to these students; more information will be available by Stephanie as the time comes to recruit members and officers as well.
2. Student Papers Night (*March 12th*): (More information should be on the FWCS website) ASME students will give presentations and the two scholarship winners of the Helen & Clarence Scholarships will be announced; no jean, business causal attire.
 - Jose will make arrangements for the room for the attendance of around 30 people. FWCS will be able to subsidize the event for \$100 and thus Diego will make the purchase order.
3. Old Guard Competition: Contact Dr. Dekker and Stephen Sundarrao for status report. Stephen is sending the list of students.
4. Electrathon: The team dedicates their spare time to work on the car throughout the week and therefore, their meeting times are spontaneous and frequent. Matt has purchased the required sheet metal.

- First race is at 10:00 am, the second race is at 1:00pm.
 - Battery Beach Burnout (*February 21st, 22nd*) at FAU: Plan and acquire travel money for this event.
 - William and Derek will check the order status of the parts; Jose will call Matt and register the vehicle.
5. Engineering Expo: (the week of *February 13th and 14th*) The Electrathon of Tampa Bay has already organized a race here at USF with the College of Engineering and we just need to register our car. (Cost is \$40.00)
 - Need 5-10 volunteers to get the exhibition ready; on the day of the race for counters, crowd control, setup, etc. Also, bring cameras for pictures.
 6. Mars Rocks (*End of March*): The team usually meets on Sundays at 12pm and the R.I.G (Robotics Interest Group) meets Thursdays at 5:30 pm.
 - Diego and Jose will come up with the travel budget.
 7. Engineering Banquet: (Marriot, *February 20th*) Tour for High School Students and three other societies will be in attendance. Calendar: Normally the cost is \$55 but students receive a discounted cost of \$25; everyone is encouraged to attend.
 8. Mechanisms and / or Robotics Competition: (*September 30th*) Need a team and ideas.
 9. Hudson Pumps: A series of seminar lectures throughout the semester. Jose will talk to Rob Andrews. Post a calendar, attendees list and send advance sign-up in emails.
 10. Fun Member Events, Socials:
 - Yuengling Tour: (*Possibly Spring Break*)
 - General Body Meeting: (*March 24th or March 31st Wednesday 11:30*) ENG 003 Dr. Muhammad Rahman would like to talk about graduate school to undergraduate students and answer any questions. Kathleen will create a flyer.

General Business

1. Sean will update the members list and James will maintain the website.
2. Plan another fundraising event and find sponsors for our activities.
3. Ideas are needed for member activities, volunteering, benefit, tours, and speakers at the general body meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm by William. The next Officer Meeting will be on *Wednesday, February 18th, 2009, 11:30-12:30 pm, at ENC 2407.*

Minutes submitted by: Kathleen Boland – Secretary