Marine Science GSA Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2011

* Welcome to first Marine Science GSA meeting!
* We have fully registered as an on-campus organization
* If you have any suggestions for the group, talk to officers
  + President, April Zilg, aezilg@gmail.com
  + Vice President, Dan Russo, djr3456@uncw.edu
  + Secretary, Brennan Opanasenko, bec8426@uncw.edu
  + Treasurer, Alyssa Wetterauer, amw9768@uncw.edu
  + GSA Representative, Matt McCarthy, mjm1316@uncw.edu
* Goal of our GSA
  + Bring Marine Science students together and provide support, social activities, etc
  + GSA came about after the Marine Science program was reviewed last semester and the report said the Marine Science students needed more interaction with each other
* Budget: waiting on budget authorization approval
* Information about social events and travel grants:
  + Grants
    - 2 $250 travel grants per semester available
    - 1 $250 personal/professional development grant per semester
      * For online course or non-travel purposes
      * April will e-mail with more information
      * If PD grant not used, will be turned into a travel grant
  + Social Activities
    - Fall and Spring social (ideas so far: Hugh McRae Park)
    - Fall and Spring trips (ideas so far: deep sea fishing, scuba diving, paintball)
    - Fees from dues will be used for Spring Social
* Monthly meetings will be last Thursday of each month at 5pm, CMS auditorium
  + Except November, meeting moved to 2nd to last Thursday due to Thanksgiving
* Monthly lunches
  + CMS will provide lunch
  + Different locations each month
  + 2-3 students will talk about their research and others can give feedback
  + Tour facility where lunch is that month
  + 1st lunch at Wrightsville Beach Aquaculture facility
    - October 3rd, 12pm, Matt Dawson and Dan Russo will be “presenters”
    - More information and directions will be sent
* To be an active member:
  + Pay $10 dues
  + Attend 2 Marine Science GSA activities per semester; 1 must be a meeting
* Community Service
  + Oyster shell building, September 24
  + More to come, send ideas to April
* Happy hours
  + Still piggyback with biology and marine biology GSAs, look for e-mails each week
* GSA Report (Monica)
  + GSA money is split among more departmental GSAs this year
  + This Sunday’s (September 25) meeting at 6pm, Fisher, 3 speakers
  + Can get special GRC 600 parking pass and it’s cheaper!
* Marine Science GSA t-shirts
  + Discussion about CMS logo or new design?
  + Decided to go with CMS shirts, no new design for now
  + Liz’s office does orders, look for e-mail from Liz Steffy or a forward from April about ordering shirts
* Dan’s report
  + Look for e-mail about entire GSA sports league for intramural sports
  + E-mail Dan with other ideas we have
* Marine Science Fest
  + Start it this year and make it annual
  + World Oceans Day is June 8
    - Around that time of year?
  + Focus on UNCW’s role with the oceans
  + Invite non-profits, non-government agencies, government agencies dealing with oceans
  + All groups have interactive presentations
  + Funds raised will go to Marine Science scholarship
  + Ideas to incorporate: Food, restaurants, surf competition, 5k, bike race
  + Reach out and connect with community about the beach and UNCW
  + April working on contacts and location
  + Carolina Beach vs. Wrightsville Beach vs. non-beach location?
* First social
  + Jungle Rapids?
  + More information to come
* Website calendar in works
* Other events:
  + Wine and Beer Walk downtown, September 24, 1-6pm, tickets are $15 or 2 for $25
  + Beerfest, October 15, buy tickets before October 1 and save $5
    - Carpool information to come
  + Paddleboard Cleanup, September 25, 9am, cleaning up the marsh
* Dan will work on contact list/MS GSA directory
* New Marine Science Student Social following today’s meeting

Minutes taken by: Brennan Opanasenko