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