

Graduate Physics Society

Minutes of Meeting of

September 16, 2020

A general meeting of the GPS was held on September 16, 2020, at 10:00 am, through Google Meet.

Attendance **Executive Members**

Kyle Hall, Brad McNiven, Dillon Hanlon, Marilena Geng, Marisa Dusseault, Venketesh Ranganathan

Society Members

Abinu Jyothini, Behzad Sadri

Reports

Financial

Presented by Kyle Hall, President

- Society bank account current balance is \$594.76.
- The GSDF finances have yet to be dispersed.
- Society members were invited to send suggestions for other fundraising efforts to the GPS.

Event

Presented by Marilena Geng, Event Coordinator

- Recent events: There have been no events since the Winter semester due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Planned upcoming events were discussed:
 - Park Outing on Friday, September 18, 2020. This event will likely need to be postponed due to inclement weather. This decision will be finalized by Thursday, September 17, 2020.
 - Online study sessions. This recurring event is currently being scheduled to best avoid conflicts. Planning ongoing.
- Potential upcoming events were discussed:
 - Outside Paint Night. It may be too late in the year for this event. Idea postponed for the time being.
 - Online seminars. Multiple versions were discussed: Students providing seminars, career development seminars. Members are encouraged to find and suggest suitable speakers.

Other

Presented by Kyle Hall, President

- The society is currently preparing documents for ratification with the GSU. It is required that we obtain the names and student numbers of 10 non-executive members for this document. Executive members were asked to help collect this information and a call for this information could be sent out on Friday, September 18 2020 if it is not collected by this time.

Town Hall

The GSDF is distributed in two disburse. The first disburse is \$1000 (which has not been disbursed). The second disbursement is after the final report has been submitted and is the amount over that initial \$1000 that has been spent.

In general, the society has not paid external speakers for our seminars in the past. It would be preferential for the society to continue using volunteer speakers. This would likely be easier with online seminars as travel is not a factor.

The Elected Director for Physics on the GSU Board of Directors is resigning from their position and a new member must be elected for this position. The GPS will determine a new member.

Adjournment

10:31 am