

# CEGSAC 2020-2021 Meeting Minute

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**CEGSAC Meeting – 1**

**07/16/2020**

**Location:** Via Zoom

**Time:** 4:00 PM – 5:00PM EST

**Overview:**

*Purpose:* the objective of the meeting was to determine the activities for the year, adapt the previous ones to comply with COVID-19 guidelines, cancel the ones that do not comply with them and propose new ones for this new scenario.

**Initial Activities (canceled):**

- Welcome Breakfast offered to new students is cancelled due to gathering restrictions.
- Social Night is cancelled due to gathering restrictions.

**Welcome Week:**

- An opportunity to share the activities that CEGSAC prepare every year to new students.
- Agustin will talk to Jenny about how is it going to be: in person or virtual event? If in person, prepare the presentation.
- Orientation for new students is going to be virtual. 1 week before start of classes
- Rajat and Agustin will be in charge of that presenting on that orientation via online.

**Callout:**

- First week of September. Virtual, via Zoom.
- Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. 5pm
- José: in charge of making Interactive sign-up sheet to send during the meeting. It will ask for basic information and options to what committee they want to be part of (first and second option).

**Co-chairs of Committees**

- Agustin: contact Romika and Lisa to ask them if they want to be co-chairs of committees.
- Ata: contact Sandra (of Professional Committee).
- Rajat: contact Deepak Suthar, Anupriya Ramanathan.
- Jose: contact Prekshi Khanna.

**Professional Development Committee Events**

- Last year: 3 speakers.

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- *Research Bytes* will be online. Work with CESAC. Focused on undergrads to get them interested in Grad School.
  - Two times on the fall semester.
- *Emerging Leaders*: will be online. Whole day event in the past (breakfast, talk, social break with students, faculty).
  - Contact faculty to know who can be a speaker.
  - Requirement: within 5 to 10 years graduated from Purdue. Topics: how to be successful in academia, etc.
  - E-mail to candidates asking them to participate and the one who says yes will be the next speaker.
  - Start planning it in October - November. Online. Seminar format.
- *Research Symposium*: online.
  - We have the contact list for Spring 2020 that was not used due to event was canceled.
  - Start planning by October.
  - List of judges. See who want to stick with the presentation for Spring 2020.
  - Present work online.
  - Check what we have right now for previous semester (on Google Drive) and after that assign task to members of CGSAC.
- *Workshops*: have to go with the theme that College of Engineering suggests.
  - Agustin had a meeting with them. Not sure about the theme yet. Last time was Mental Health. This year will probably be something related to: cope with COVID-19 pandemic, diversity, social justice, overcoming challenges.
  - CGSAC will have to plan events related to that topic.
  - Workshops online.

## **Cultural Outreach Committee Events**

- General ideas: Virtual movie night. Virtual happy hour. Game night. Focus on events online.
  - How to use money wisely? Prices for happy hour? Check with SAO
- Collaboration with PGSG to support Student Pantry. Students who will lose funding this semester will benefit with this partnership and support.
  - Rajat: is going to ask to how much money are requiring to partner with PGSG.
- Movie night: Netflix party? Send a survey to choose which movie people want to watch.

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- Game night: explore website used in the past: Board Game Arena. Only problem: not able to see who are we playing with.
  - Explore online platform: Discord. It is used play, chat and socialize with people.
  - Goal of this activity: overcome the barriers of technology to socialize with other people.
  - Agustin: will check if we can use CEGSAC budget to get a premium version in such platforms.
- Corn Maze: give it a try to do it in person. Focus on comply with all the guidelines for people gathering in open spaces (50 people or less).
  - Week of October 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Enforce use of mask. Buy hand sanitizer, wipes, etc.

## **Sports and Health Committee Events**

- General ideas: virtual sessions of yoga, meditation, zumba.
  - Agustin: contact person from Co-Rec to ask to give a session for us.
- Hike to Happy Hollow: plan it for Spring Semester.

## **Coffee Breaks**

- Not possible to do them in Wood Commons or classrooms.
- Ask Dr. Abraham or Jenny and SAO if it is possible to buy food/catering for people at home.

## **Mentorship Program**

- Assigning mentor to mentees in the past. But comments and suggestions say that it will feel awkward to do it the same way this time but in online format.
- New idea: group session. Select 15 mentors and invite people for virtual event.
- Questions that will be covered: funding, general life at Purdue.
- If they become interested in specific topics: write them to their personal accounts.
- Plan: last week of July.
- Agustin will send an e-mail looking for mentors.
- August: meeting with mentors.
- First week of classes: send e-mail to all students to join mentorship program.
- First meeting: mid-September.
- Set out available times for specific mentors to chat in private.

Agustin will prepare a proposal of CEGSAC activities this year. Probably available next week.

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## ***Attendance:***

### ***Students***

Agustin Quiñones

Rajat Verma

Ata Taghipour

Jose Capa Salinas