

**Minutes of the general meeting
June 15, 2010**

Members present: Kseniya Garaschuk, Dennis Epple, Magda Georgescu, Scott Lunney, Jason Siefken, Garret Flowers, Angus Argyle.

Meeting called to order at 3:48pm.

Kseniya and Dennis propose the following amendments to the Constitution:

- Quorum for general meetings in summer to be changed to 6 members.
- The *Time of elections and nominations* section should specify that new office is to be elected first thing during the first general meeting of the academic year.
- Allow proxy voting by e-mail before the general meeting on items on the agenda.

Dennis motions to accept the Constitution with the above amendments. Motion passes unanimously.

Jason mentions that he recently discovered knobs in his apartment. Discussion follows. Magda nominates Kseniya for the position of the President. Motion passes unanimously.

Jason nominates Dennis for the position of the Vice President/Treasurer. Motion passes unanimously.

Jason nominates Chris, who is absent but has agreed to take the position prior to the meeting, for the position of the Secretary/Poet Laureate. Motion passes unanimously.

We discuss the idea of painting mugs. It is decided that we need a mascot. Jason suggests a pineapple, but the idea is not supported by the membership.

We discuss GSS. We move on to discuss potential social events. Jason mentions that he normally doesn't leave the house on the weekends, but he will make an exception in this case. We discuss Father's Day. Dennis explains that in Germany it's a holiday so that fathers have a chance to go out and get drunk.

Everyone agrees that they should bring their agendas and/or calendars to the meetings.

We decide to organize a kayaking trip on June 19th. Angus and Magda get volunteered to organize it. Kseniya will e-mail everyone; the deadline for signing up will be Thursday 9am.

Dennis suggests that we should put together a team for intramurals. This needs to be set up first week of September. Kseniya will post a sign up sheet on her door with a list of sports, so we can see how many people are interested in playing which sport.

We discuss the possibility of organizing a hike or a barbecue to welcome new graduate students in September. Angus suggests a potluck picnic at Beacon Hill or Mount Doug.

Board games night sometime in the future is another possible social event.

Kseniya will contact Kelly to see how to set up SIGMAS web-site. We will also need a volunteer to create the page.

Meeting adjourned at 4:43pm.