

## **HOGS Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2007**

Attendance: Linsey Newton, Nobuko Sugimoto, Kirstin Getter, Attila Filo, Qian Ma, Joseph Tychonievich, Letizia Tozzini, Carolina Contreras, Ryan Warner, Matt Blanchard, Zack Hayden, Leigh Whittinghill, Aaron Warsaw, Greg Lang, Ajay Nair, Chad Herrmann, Mike VonWeihe, Daedre Craig, Laura Wei, Vicki Ackroyd

### **Elections**

Officer elections will be held out HOGS September meeting and nominations will be taken up to that time. If you would like to be on the ballot or want to nominate someone for a position, please let Aaron Warsaw or Ajay Nair know. We would like to have 2 presidents and 2 or 3 social chairs. The nominations for each position that have been received so far are:

- ◆ Presidents (2) – Mike VonWeihe
- ◆ Secretary – Amanda Taylor
- ◆ Treasurer – Daedre Craig
- ◆ Social Chairs (2 or 3) – Zack Hayden, Vicki Ackroyd
- ◆ Faculty Representative – Matt Blanchard
- ◆ COGS Representative –
- ◆ GPC Representative – Ajay Nair

### **Meeting Times**

HOGS will plan on having its fall meetings on Tuesdays at noon. The date of the September meeting will be set soon.

### **Dues**

We will begin collecting dues for HOGS at the next meeting. They are \$5 per semester or \$10 per year.

### **Instrumentation Course**

If you want to sign up for the instrumentation course (HRT 891A Sec. 1) that the department has put together, please sign up ASAP since space is limited and it is going to be opened to students from other departments very soon if there is room. Talk to Rita if you are interested.

### **Ohio State Recruiting Open House**

Ohio State is having an open house to recruit students, including masters students who would like to consider doing a PhD there. The open house is Oct. 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> and will include a barbeque and presentations of the research being done there. They will be giving out some travel grants. Contact Aaron Warsaw for more information if you are interested.

### **Officer Updates**

- ◆ Treasurer (Aaron) – HOGS has about \$4,400 in its various accounts.
- ◆ COGS Rep.(Mike) – There is a Graduate Student Orientation and Resource Fair for all MSU graduate students Saturday, August 23 at the Kellogg Center. It begins at 10 AM.

- ◆ Department Chair Search Committee (Kristin) – The search committee is currently trying to recruit potential candidates and may start interviewing in September or October. They hope to have their recommendation to the dean by the end of December.
- ◆ GPC Rep. (Ajay)
  - The department barbeque will be September 12. There will be food and games.
  - Start thinking of seminar topics for spring.
  - The department wants to get some feedback from new graduate students about how they learned about the graduate program here at MSU and why they decided to come here. A small survey will be placed in the mailbox of new graduate students and can be returned to Ajay Nair or Aaron Warsaw.

### **Upcoming Opportunities or Events**

- ◆ Mike VonWeihe would like to invite HOGS to a party and possible Guitar Hero championship this Saturday (Aug. 23). He will send out an e-mail with more information or post a map on the HOGS bulletin board.
- ◆ Chad is thinking about planning a HOGS camping trip for sometime in September. If you are interested or if there is someplace specific you would like to go, please let Chad know.