

## **HOGS Meeting Minutes for June 24, 2008**

**Attendance:** Matt Blanchard, Mike VonWeihe, Theoharis Ouzounis, Ryan Warner, Aaron Warsaw, Aaron Walworth, Joseph Tychonievich, Linsey Newton

### **Travel Grants**

Travel grants have all been turned in and should be awarded in the next week or so.

### **Recycling Drive**

Art wanted to thank all the volunteers who helped out at the recent garden pot recycling drive. We collected 2,800 lbs of plastic!

### **Seminar**

The seminar topic for the fall is biofuels. As always, keep thinking of new seminar topics.

### **Future Events**

- We will begin organizing the Graduate Student Field Day when we find out when the new student orientation is so that they can coincide.
- Aaron is looking into HOGS going to a LugNuts game Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>

### **Officer Updates**

Faculty Rep. (Matt)

- The college has hired two IT professionals to look for pirated software within the departments and to see what kind of software everyone is using so that they can look into the possibility of group licenses. As of right now, they are only scanning computers on a volunteer basis.
- The garden parking lot will soon be metered. The meters will take tokens that cost \$3 per token and are good for 1½ hours. The booth to buy tokens will be located near Wilbur the peacock. All the money from the token sales will be going to the department. This lot will still be monitored by parking services, but they will only issue tickets and not be doing any towing.
- The installation of the new elevators should be completed in October.
- The instrumentation course is set for fall and students can now enroll. There is a \$30 lab fee per student, but the department is looking for ways to cover the fee for graduate students.