

GEOC Steering Committee Meeting

July 30, 2009, 9AM

Present: Carissa Broadbridge (psychology), Mark Coco (political science), Phoebe Lin (psychology), Devon Witherell (psychology), Nathan Wiedner (psychology), Debbie Slago (nursing), Jen Weaver

I. 9:00 Department Orientations

- Five departments have given us permission to talk, waiting on another five, but they will most likely say yes
- Mark and one other will go to talk
- Phoebe will talk to the stewards at the next meeting and see if anyone is willing/able to accompany Mark
- We will also try to talk to Logesh about going

II. 9:10 Big Orientation

- The contract gives us 20 minutes to present, but we have been given 30 minutes this year
- Will be 8-9AM on the first floor of State Hall (by the lounge area)
- We will only have the new T-shirts at orientation to hand out to incoming GTAs
- We will prepare GEOC specific snacks and have copies of the new contract to hand out
- We will debut the first contract fact at the big orientation
- Volunteers will wear name buttons that have first name and position

III. 9:20 Afternoon Session for GTA Orientation

- Set up at 4PM
- Ice cream social again
- Need the same materials/equipment as we had in the morning session
- Need a sign in sheet
- Maybe project the before and after contract chart in the auditorium during presentation
- TEAM carry stuff – Nathan, Devon, Debbie, Mark, Carissa
- TEAM speakers – Nathan, Carissa, Lisa (if she is willing), stewards (if they are willing)
- TEAM handouts – Phoebe and stewards
- TEAM table stuff – Mark and stewards
- TEAM ice cream – Debbie and Phoebe
- We should talk to Darryl about speaking

IV. 9:38 What to Wear

- New T-shirts with nice pants/shorts (no jeans with holes)
- Wear GEOC buttons in addition to name buttons (we will refer to them as flair)

V. 9:40 What to Say

- We will discuss the new contract and tell them (“Use it or lose it”)
- Tell them how we fought for this contract
- Tell them the importance of filing grievances (“If you have a problem, grieve it, don’t just leave it”)

- Push for full membership, emphasize why it is important, voting privileges, tell them that more members means more resources, we can give more back to the membership this way (travel/teaching awards, parking for steering members, etc.)
- Tell them that this contract is 10% language, 90% implementation
- Have another meeting prior to orientation to do a practice run in DeRoy

VI. 9:55 Lessons from Last year

- Push for a sign in sheet
- Bring more medium and XXL size T-shirts so that we don't run out like last time
- Get contact information for those who leave early, tell them that they don't get a shirt, back we can bring them one if they set up a follow up meeting

VII. 10:05 T-Shirt Vote

- Yes!

VIII: 10:07 MAGEL

- They're looking for people to train, don't want U of M people to dominate
- Starts at 10AM, we should leave around 8:30
- Arrange car pool via e-mail

IX. 10:12 Retreat Debrief

- Stick figure exercise should be better organize, maybe impose a time limit with no Q and A afterward
- Need to schedule dates better since many members couldn't make it this year
- Have calendar handouts

X. 10:30 Next Meeting

- Figure out details via e-mail and then do a dry run on Tuesday, August 23