

**Minutes of the Math and Physical Sciences Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 12, 2015**  
**PAB 3-326**

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm.

MPSC Members in Attendance:

Katie McLaughlin (Statistics)  
James Molyneux (Statistics)  
Margaux Kreitman (Chemistry/Biochemistry)  
Andrea Hadjikyriacou (Chemistry/Biochemistry)  
Ian Coley (Mathematics)  
Zach Norwood (Mathematics)  
Elizabeth Mills (Physics)  
Prateek Puri (Physics)  
Sean Faulk (EPSS)  
Junko Isa (EPSS)  
Alexis Popkow (Astronomy)  
S. Michelle Consiglio (Astronomy)

1. Forum Business

- a. James and Ian attended
- b. Still do not have enrollment numbers
  - i. We should be deciding which new departments go into which councils, not administrative issue
  - ii. Ian has written legislation to fix fact that MPSC department names are not all correct, and suggested that other councils do the same
- c. Milan meeting with various campus leaders, including USAC
- d. GSRC establishing oversight committee -- need to send a representative
- e. Need to take on more in-state students because of agreement between UC and Jerry Brown - will apparently put strain on TAs because do not have enough to match demand (**IAN: nag him**)
- f. Committees - problem with giving positions to incumbents, people from Management. Was not publicized enough and not enough opportunity for new people to have the chance to get involved. "egregious miscarriage of justice"
- g. Andres: housing initiative is getting started again
  - i. SAGE developing agenda (campus climate) - going to DC spring break to advocate
- h. Sustainability resource center: sustainability speaker coming on Nov 17; register at [src-sss-2.eventbrite.com](http://src-sss-2.eventbrite.com)
- i. Green screens still happening; contact if interested at: [src@gsa.asucla.ucla.edu](mailto:src@gsa.asucla.ucla.edu)

- j. Cool campus challenge: can sign up, pledge to cut down emissions/become more green; can win bike
  - k. Engineering council:
    - i. Networking games event (career fair mixed with field day; play with recruiters); email if interested
    - ii. Graduate student leader dinner: free; date/time TBD
    - iii. Engineering students are sad and want more social life. Can get involved.
    - iv. Bruin shelter: 13000 homeless youth in Los Angeles; LA only has 4 youth shelters, none on the west side; Harvard has a youth shelter run by students over the winter, and want to have one at UCLA during same months; looking to house 20 residents from \$25k interpolated from Harvard's numbers (possibly not accurate - James contributed this!); would be funded by nonprofits; want grad student volunteers for peer-to-peer work, developing life skills; starts 2016; presentation and contact info in google drive
  - l. Diversity town hall already happened
  - m. USAC: want to do joint initiatives: mental health; improve CAPS; initiative "All of Us"; undergrads have similar housing concerns; TA thing; middle income affordability; campus climate; Kerckhoff has a gender-neutral bathroom
  - n. Graduate Student Resource Center
    - i. 250 pages of free printing
    - ii. Grad students are paying too much for too little space (per square foot)
    - iii. Graduate writing center grossly underutilized by MPSC and BSC; no plans to fix it this year
    - iv. Oversight committee -- need to send a representative (**Junko Isa** will be our rep, **Ian** will email Christine to provide name)
  - o. Next forum Dec 2 @ 5:30 (**Alexis** will go with Ian); **Andrea** might also attend
  - p. Still waiting to meet with Milan
2. MPSC Business
- a. Katie, Margaux, and Ian attended BSC meeting about joint Whine and Wine event
    - i. Joint Whine and Wine event proposed for Tues Dec 1 at 5:30 PM in Botanical Gardens. Approximate budget: \$300, approximately \$200 for alcohol and \$100 for food. Voted to accept date/time/budget: passed, unanimous.
    - ii. **Ian** will email back Drake from BSC saying we agree
  - b. MPSC email account: Margaux recovered the account and password. We have webspace and more professional way to distribute mail.
  - c. Also have a facebook presence to advertise ourselves.
  - d. Ideally, would pick a webmaster/social media expert: add to Secretary's responsibility. **Margaux** will get it started this quarter, and then **Elizabeth** will take over next quarter. Can invite people to events this way.

- e. Old MPSC webpage with the math department:  
<http://www.math.ucla.edu/~mpsc/math/> (needs to be taken down)
  - f. Partnership UCLA - how to expand alumni networking. If interested, contact BSC.
  - g. Parking - Andrea presents
    - i. Staff and faculty complained there was not enough space in P2, so kicked grad students out
    - ii. Departments have allocated a certain number of spaces in lots, and unclear how restructuring is happening
    - iii. Also for special events like basketball games/parents weekend, people who pay for parking permits are kicked out of their spaces
    - iv. We need to lobby that grad students are also employees of UCLA so should not be treated worse
    - v. Bring this issue up with GSA at next forum - **Andrea** will run point; need more transparency on these issues
    - vi. **Ian** will email Milan to get Andrea time to talk about this at the next forum
  - h. EYU was a success!
3. Requisitions
- a. \$26.96 for Coffee for Will Schlieper (Math)
  - b. \$72.35 + \$192.35 = for Halloween Party for Ian Coley (Math)
  - c. \$91.56 for Food for MPSC Meeting for S. Michelle Consiglio (MPSC fund)
  - d. \$700 Cash advance for Chemistry Holiday Party for Daniel Pazo (Chemistry)
  - e. \$89.99 Beer for Social for Chemistry and Biochemistry Graduate Student Association (Chemistry)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

These minutes respectfully submitted,

Katie McLaughlin  
MPSC Statistics Representative