Economics Club Meeting Minutes

2 September 2009

Members in attendance: Megan Cornell, Flavia Dantas, Felipe Rezende, Ryan Dodd, Poulomi Dasgupta, Shama Azad, Rich Wagner, Xuan Pham, Andy Johnson, Will Fisher, Scott McConnell, Stephanie Sheldon, Erik Dean, Daniel Conceicao, Heather Starzynski, Charles Machata (sp?), Karol Gil, Richard Dadzie, Yeohub Yoon, Natalia Bracarense, Brandon Until, Lief Erickson, Devin Rafferty, Benedict Fully, Xi Zhao, Kalpana Khanal, Yeva Nersisyan, and Jo Li (28 people)

1. Called to order by Yeva 1:09 pm

2. Elections.
   a. Nominations:
      i. President: Leif Erikson (9), Yeva Nersisyan (13), Abstentions (4)
      ii. Vice President (2 positions): Poulomi Dasgupta, Rich Wagner, Leif Erikson
      iii. Treasurer: Xuan Pham
      iv. Secretary/activity chair: Ryan Dodd, Poulomi Dasgupta

1. These are the results of the voting, where Yeva was elected as president after each candidate gave a short speech, we voted by a show of hands once the candidates left the room. After the results of the president election Poulomi switched to secretary/activity chair so Leif could have the vice president’s role.

3. Procedures.
   a. It was also requested that people see and are familiar with the economics club constitution.
   b. Xuan recommended that we make budget records available on the website at the end of each semester.
   c. Poulomi requested that people who are presenting a paper at a conference get preference for economics club money to support their travel along with asking other sources for money as well. This idea was generally supported by those in attendance.
   d. We decided to have monthly meetings on the first Friday on each month at 1pm. Other options discussed were meeting once a month on Wednesdays, earning 2 votes, and meeting twice a month the first Wednesday and the third Friday, which earned 1 vote.
e. It was determined that the best way to create a list of who we want to ask to come out for a lecture Ryan will send out an e-mail asking people to nominate a person, along with a brief description and/or to nominate a category you would like to have a speaker come in (feminist, development, environmental,...). After Ryan complies the results it will be sent back out to the list so people can rank their preferences.

4. Discuss activities we want to have to request funds for our annual budget.
   
   a. Movie nights
   b. Speakers (money for 3-4)
   c. Picnic (Fall and Spring)
   d. Factory Tour
   e. Pool BBQ
   f. Halloween Party
   g. Keynes Bingo Night
   h. Boulevard Brewery Tour
   i. Canoe Camping trip
   j. Community session, include money for advertising like mailing and such.

5. Next time:
   
   a. Elect a graduate student or two to attend part of the department faculty meetings to give the students input on grad student matters, particularly funding. Possibly to have two students one foreign and one domestic.
   b. Someone to keep up the department website
   c. Possibility of a conference for next year
   d. Doing monthly or every other month sessions for the community. Possible topics: 1) The crisis has happened so what now/how do we fix this, 2) Healthcare
   e. Budget committee will consist of the officers: Yeva, Lief, Rich, and Xuan. With the possible advisement of Megan and Poulomi since they along with Yeva did the budget request last year.

6. Meeting Adjourned at 2:30pm