Minutes of BoD meeting September 7 2011

Attendance: Artemis Ailianou (minutes), Landry Fokua, Brett Cornell, Eleftherios Gdoutos, Toni Lee, Jacob Sendowski, Gloria Sheng, Melissa Young (guest), Junle Jiang (joining BoD for 2011-2012).

- Meeting started at 12:10 pm -

I. Updates:

1) Chair, Artemis Ailianou
   - Have met with Faculty Board Chair and Vice Chair Sossina Haile and John Dabiri to discuss presentation of survey results to the Faculty Board
   - Met with Director of Career Development Center (CDC) to discuss career development needs of graduate students. Semi-useful meeting because she said that most of the career advising should come from the faculty advisor. We need a career development liaison between the BoD and CDC to better communicate our needs.

2) Treasurer, Eleftherios Gdoutos
   - Reimbursements are coming in
   - Club funding proposed schedule:
     a) Send email to all graduate students
     b) Have preliminary meeting with Club Leaders, September 20th
     c) 1st deadline, September 30th
     d) 2nd deadline, October 5th
     e) Notify about decisions October 10th

3) Advocacy – Allison Kunz
   - "Math Bootcamp" handbook is now online!
   - Program: new students can download handbook and solve problems, get help answering or confirming answers at scheduled office hours during first week of classes.
   - The whole things is voluntary, there will be food every evening and drinks on Friday
   - Alex Lockwood has volunteered to organize a graduate student-faculty conference to discuss Quality of Life survey results.

4) Academics- Artemis Ailianou
   - CPET/CCC barbeque on Saturday 9/10

5) Sustainability – Toni Lee
   - working with John Onderdonk to make sustainability presentation for Orientation

6) Social- Artemis Ailianou
   - Next GUSH is on September 16th, the BoD should attend to meet new and old students, recruit
   - Term party on Saturday September 24th, 9 pm at Dabney Courtyard
II. Discussion

1) Danielle Brown – student health plan changes can burden some students more than others. We must keep an eye (and ear) for students who might be struggling financially and help them out by educating them about resources. Eleftherios Gdoutos - can we organize an information session or a “cheat sheet”? The brochure is not very clear. Artemis Ailianou - will talk to Grad Office and HR

2) Allison Kunz: it would be nice to have a finances survey to have graduate students look at their monthly expenses. Can we set up info sessions on financial planning?

3) Melissa Yeung: Proposal for better email services (see Appendix).
   - Would like to set up life-forwarding email address, can power it through Gmail.
   - First step would be to get all current students and then alumni
   - Alumni Association has an alumni.caltech.edu address but you have to pay.
   Eleftherios Gdoutos:
   - minimum start: set up life forwarding
   - keep email forever
   - can bring this up at the next advocacy meeting

   - Meeting adjourned at 12:55pm -
Appendix

Objective: Improve e-mail services at Caltech for students and alumni

Contact person: Melissa Yeung (myeung@caltech.edu)

- **Offer lifetime e-mail (forwarding) for alumni:** This option is available to some students through their departments (like cms) and their labs, since as graduate students, many of us will publish papers with our e-mail addresses on it. I would like to see this option available to all students. From the alumni perspective, this is also a great way to stay in contact with classmates.

- **Offer caltech.edu e-mail via Google Apps for Education:** Essentially, this change would allow e-mail at caltech.edu to be powered by gmail. Currently, e-mail at Caltech is slow (mail delivery is not instantaneous and can take a minute or two) and lacks security features that Google would provide via Google Apps for Education, such as IP address tracking (to determine if someone has logged into your account from an unrecognized location) and remote log-off (to prevent unauthorized use when you leave a session open from another computer).

Many other schools, such as Cornell and Wesleyan have already implemented this service for their students (and alumni), since the service presents good value for users and can help the IT department be more efficient with their funds. According to Google, Boise State University saves $90,000 annually and decreases help inquiries by migrating students, faculty, and staff to Google Apps Education Education:

[https://docs.google.com/fileview?id=0B5AOHQcS-cAeY2UwMmVhYt0WE1Ni00ZDYzLWlxNTAJtYjQ4YjBlNzRiZDA3&hl=en](https://docs.google.com/fileview?id=0B5AOHQcS-cAeY2UwMmVhYt0WE1Ni00ZDYzLWlxNTAJtYjQ4YjBlNzRiZDA3&hl=en)

Enabling e-mail via Google Apps for Education would also allow Caltech to offer alumni lifetime e-mail access on their caltech.edu account. Students who graduated from Cornell 2009 and later, for example, can continue to use their e-mail without taking any action.

An incomplete list of e-mail policies at various institutions of higher education is attached.
**Lifetime E-mail**
Cornell University, via Google (Class of 2009 or later)
Loyola University Maryland, via Microsoft
Miami University, via Google
New York University, via Google (Class of 2001 or later)
Northwestern University, via Google
Ohio State University, via Microsoft
Pomona College, via Microsoft

**Lifetime Forwarding (for existing .edu address)**
Babson College
Boston College
Columbia University
Cornell University (before Class of 2009)
Duke University Fuqua School of Business
Georgetown University
Smith College
Stanford University Graduate School of Business
University of California – Berkeley (Class of 2007 or later)
University of California – Davis (separated on or after June 1, 2005)
University of California – Irvine (advanced degree graduates only)
University of California – Los Angeles
University of Chicago
University of Chicago Booth School of Business
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Business
University of Michigan
University of Texas McCombs School of Business
Williams College

**Gmail-Powered Email**
Brown University
Cornell University
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Miami University
New York University
Northwestern University
Stanford University Graduate School of Business
University of Hawaii ([http://www.hawaii.edu/google/faq.html](http://www.hawaii.edu/google/faq.html))
University of Southern California