

# EGSAC Meeting Minutes

12.04.08

## Officer Reports

1. Brian Tang - Sports Czar
  - Basketball team was formed
2. Sara Lincoln - Library Rep
  - no meeting yet
3. Angela Zalucuh (on behalf of Elisabeth Adams) - Treasurer
  - Outstanding receipts should be turned in to Elisabeth Adams as soon as possible so we can properly account for expenditures
  - If you turn in receipts directly, make sure Elisabeth is informed so the budget can be updated
  - We are halfway through the budget so should have half for spring semester

## Budget

1. There is a proposed change to the budget of adding \$2500 to our current \$5000 annual budget
2. Under this budget EGSAC will be required to pay for the student seminars, group specific seminars (PICS, FISH, etc.), and the mentoring program
3. EGSAC may not take all of this burden and our options are currently being discussed
4. The current costs for student seminars is about \$2500 as is the mentoring program
5. Other options such as corporate funding may be available, however a volunteer would be needed to head up such an effort.

## Mentoring

1. Try to revamp and restructure in creative way in order to apply for new funding
2. Funding is available if organization is seen as new and different. Ideas and suggestions are encouraged to be sent to Einat
3. May look into corporate sponsorship

## GSC Report

1. The GSC has anticipated budget cuts and preemptively decided to discuss options for departments.
2. A request for the MIT benchmark stipend to be increased is expected due to increases in cost of living
3. Departments have much leeway to abide by this benchmark so there is no guaranteed change for EAPS
4. Groups are encouraged to have a discussion with their department before it is discussed at the Institute wide level