Present: Ariana, Stephanie, Xiao, Bess, Courtney, Andrea, Tyler.

Meeting minutes

Professional Development:

Stephanie going to send Professional Development email tomorrow (Thursday) after sending it out to the executive committee

Logo:

Should we hire someone? or should we open it up for someone to make it?

Jess Malhot, drew the Rubenstein community logo. Perhaps she is interested in building it to the community.

>>&Open it up to the RSNER community; give them a thank you gift card. Send out email. Ariana will send out email.

Bess likes the idea that we have a logo to represent our group. It will be useful for meetings, events, even tshirts.

Time constraints for the Chili Cook-Off so we can unveil it there.

Follow-up meeting with the Dean:

Great meeting with the Dean.

Some highlights: Grad students retreat: Perhaps a winter retreat?

Ethics in research, graduate advisor relationship. Emphasized the importance of knowing these types of details as grad students.

Fireside Chat, she will help leading the first one on November 17th @ 5pm. Location: TBA.

Good meeting overall.

Seminar:

Bess—

Going really well. First “long” one person talk. This week asking people to go to the Aiken lecture. Encouraging people to have one talk and asking people to socialize at the end. Seems to be working out very well. A lot of grad students came in after the event to just get food, seems
unprofessional. Please if you are going to come to the event come at the beginning and get the full experience.

Aiken Lecture speaker happening at 5:30 pm on Thursday this week instead of the regular Seminar Series.

**Community Sustainability meeting:**

About how to build the social capital and cohesion in community. Make it a community beyond just social events.

Social capita over party committee. What do people want to hear about, what do students want?

Emphasis on building capital. Ariana will work with the committee to collaborate on some efforts.

**Social Chair:**

AC: “Environment on Tap” new name for social hours suggested by Dean- get together in a social matter to discuss some environmental matters. FRIDAY will be one at 7 after the Aiken Lecture, at Three Needs- difficult to organize food there. Possible alternatives to Three Needs: Barrio Bakery, Skinny Pancake, Burlington Bay Market.

AC: After Symposium soiree: There may or may not be drinks at the reception after the symposium, there will still be a reception with food but potentially no alcohol. We could organize a movement downtown to a nice place afterwards to celebrate the masters students accomplishments. Be on the look-out for updates!

BP: In the future, it may be a good option for the graduate students to take a role in leading the symposium along with mentorship it would give good skills on how to organize and execute an event. Could also potentially have a spot for PhD student posters in the future.

**Other Events:**

Fireside Chat: November 17th at 5pm. Dean can lead a talk around work life balance. We are looking for a nice place hopefully with a fireplace where we can hold it- maybe at Henderson’s fireplace. We should have 2 topics that we want to talk about. We will send out a call for specific topics in early November.

Faculty Breakfast: this is a potential event that we could collaborate on with the Community Sustainability Committee.

Lunch: We are interested in setting a time where we can have informal lunches that are attended by faculty and graduate students, similar to what the Gund does. We should advertise this to the Community Sustainability Committee and at the Faculty meeting.
Treasurer:

Xiao: We need to send out the call for grants, ask students to apply we will have the same budget from the previous years.

There have been more applications in the Spring that in the Fall.

Bess, Stephanie, Ariana:

We need a rubric to see what is needed? They will work together to have this ready for when the email is sent out about mini-grants.

Supplies:

The paper comes from the copy room.

There are some extra supplies, we will look into what is missing and take it from there.

Aiken building room:

The idea of a Skype room: The grad student lounge, getting rid of two computers setting up a landline, etc.

Working together to set up a meeting with the Dean and Assistant Dean to discuss what does Grad-student space look like, and how can we work together to accommodate the students’ needs.