

# Minutes

For the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Student Chapter of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) 1<sup>st</sup> Officer Meeting on February 9, 2007 at Earthfoods, starting at 1:30 PM E.S.T.

## 2006-2007 Academic Year Officers Present:

- President: Christian Wernz
- Vice President: Qiang (Patrick) Qiang
- Secretary: Tara Demeyer
- Treasurer: Thomas Lenk

## New Business:

1. Due to Thomas Lenk's excellent work all events from last semester have been funded and the events for this semester should be as well.
2. Two new features were discussed for the Umass INFORMS website
  - Google Calendar: All Student Chapter events and other related events on campus could be displayed on a calendar.
  - Congratulations Link: A link to recognize members for their accomplishments
3. There will be two parties held during the course of the 2007 Spring semester. They include a Valentines Party and an End of Semester Party. The Valentines Party will be held on February 16, 2007 from 4:15-6:30 PM E.S.T. Patrick Qiang will send an email to try to reserve room 112, or else the party will be held in the Atrium. The INFORMS Officers will bring pizza, tea rolls, fruit and cheese, chicken, sweet sausage, chocolate, cake and beverages. The date for the End of Semester Party is not yet determined.
4. Members brainstormed ideas of group activities for the Spring Semester. The Officers agreed on an INFORMS member bowling night that will be planned for later in the semester and also discussed the possibility of a table tennis tournament.
5. The start of the new speaker series organized by the UMASS Amherst INFORMS Student Chapter was announced. During the Spring semester 2007, 6 professors, from Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and University of Massachusetts Amherst will present their research. The Student Chapter of INFORMS is very excited and thankful to have such a prestigious lineup of speakers. The speaker series has been publicized in several local venues. More information about the speaker series can be found at:  
<http://supernet.som.umass.edu/informs/speakernew.html>

After each talk up to 5 members of the student chapter can join in a lunch with the presenter and our faculty advisor Professor Nagurney who substantially contributed to this speaker series as well as the startup of the student chapter. The Department of Finance and Operations Management of the School of Management sponsors these lunches. The chapter is very thankful for the support provided by Professor Nagurney, the Isenberg School of Management, the Department of Finance and Operations Management and the John F. Smith Memorial Fund.

Members interested in participating in one of the lunches at the faculty club should contact Trisha at [umassinforms@som.umass.edu](mailto:umassinforms@som.umass.edu). Lunch assignments are coordinated on a first come first serve basis.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM E.S.T