

Minutes

For the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Student Chapter of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) 1st General Meeting on September 4, 2008 in the Isenberg School of Management, room 128, starting at 5:15PM E.S.T.

2007-2008 Academic Year Officers Present:

- President: Qiang (Patrick) Qiang
- Vice President: Trisha Woolley
- Secretary: Deanna Kennedy
- Treasurer: Amir Masoumi
- With Webmaster: Zugang Liu

New Business:

1. Patrick recapped the activities and achievements of the Chapter during the 2007-2008 academic school year.
2. Patrick introduced INFORMS as well as the student chapter, its general purposes to potential members, membership, and each officer's duty.
3. Nominations and elections for officer positions were held. The election results were as follows:
 - President: Amir Masoumi
 - Vice President: Min Yu
 - Secretary: Deanna Kennedy
 - Treasurer: Milad EbtehajPatrick Qiang was assigned the position of webmaster.
4. Speaker series:

The start of the new speaker series organized by the UMASS Amherst INFORMS Student Chapter was announced. During the Fall semester 2008, 7 professors from UMASS, MIT, and IBM will present their research. More information about the speaker series can be found at:

<http://student.som.umass.edu/informs/>
<http://supernet.som.umass.edu/informs/speakernew.html>

After each talk up to 4 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.

5. Ideas for social events were discussed including beach volleyball tournament, and organizing to watch UMass football game.
6. The INFORMS national conference in Washington DC was discussed. Of those in attendance, four student chapter members will be going to the conference.
7. The President of the Chapter adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.