

Minutes

For the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Student Chapter of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) held an Officer Meeting on September 6, 2007 in room 128 of the Isenberg School of Management – UMASS Amherst starting at 5:00 PM E.S.T.

Pizza and soda was served.

New Business:

1. Officer elections for the 2007-2008 academic year were held. This is outlined in the Charter for the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Student Chapter of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS).

2007-2008 Academic Year Officers Elected:

- President: Qiang (Patrick) Qiang
- Vice President: Trisha Woolley
- Secretary: Deanna Kennedy
- Treasurer: Amir Masoumi
- Speaker Series Coord.: Trisha Woolley
- Webmaster: Zugang (Leo) Liu

2. An announcement was made regarding a summer internship opportunity at the National Security Agency. The opportunity, a Summer Program for Operations Research Technology (SPORT), offers a unique and rewarding opportunity for 4 to 6 graduate students to participate. Interested and eligible parties were given the information on applying by Trisha.

3. Ideas for social events were discussed including bowling, ping pong, movie night, and golf.

4. The INFORMS national conference in Seattle was discussed. Of those in attendance, five student chapter members will be going to the conference.

5. The UMASS INFORMS Fall 2007 Seminar Series in Operations is as follows:

Dr. Brenda Dietrich, the Director of Mathematical Sciences at IBM in Yorktown Heights, will open the series on September 14, 2007. She will speak on "Services Science: A New Opportunity for Operations Research." Dr. Dietrich is the President of INFORMS and an IBM Fellow.

Dr. Stavros Siokos, Managing Director of Citigroup in London, the United Kingdom, and a UMass PhD '98, will deliver his talk, "Latest Trends of Global Equity Trading: The New Technology, the Players, and the New Legislation -- Differences Between the US and the Rest of the World," on September 28. His talk is joint with the Finance Seminar Series at the Isenberg School.

Professor Elaine Chew of the Viterbi School of Engineering at the University of Southern California and a 2007-2008 Science Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University will speak on "Music and Operations Research -- The Perfect Match" on October 19.

Professor David Jensen of the Department of Computer Science at UMass Amherst and the Director of the Knowledge Discovery Lab will speak on "Learning and Exploiting Statistical Dependence in Networks," on October 26.

Dr. Joanne Hill, Managing Director of Goldman Sachs, will deliver her talk, "Investment Strategy Design Meets Capital Markets -- The Fit and Misfit of Operations Research," on November 2 at 1:30PM in Room 210. Her seminar is joint with the Finance Seminar Series at the Isenberg School of Management.

Professor Sundar Krishnamurty of the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at UMass Amherst will speak on November 16. His talk is entitled, "Decision Model Development in Engineering Design."

Professor Arnold Barnett, the George Eastman Professor of Management Science at the Sloan School of Management at MIT, will conclude the Fall 2007 INFORMS Speaker Series on December 7, with his talk, "Is it Really Safe to Fly?"

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM E.S.T