BMES Meeting (August 23, 2010)

- O-Week Engineering Fair: Eric, Amanda, and Rahul were there; many people asked questions; 23 sign-ups
- Schedule:
  - Activities Fair, Friday, August 27th; 12:30 – 4 pm
    - Georgia – 3-4 pm
    - Amanda – 12 – 1 pm
    - Rahul – 2-4 pm
    - Eric – 12-2 pm
    - Ben – 12-12:30 pm
  - **Eric** – check if labels are printed
  - Supplies: test tubes, BMES logo strips, poster; need candy – **Amanda** will buy it by Tuesday
  - Filling tubes: Wednesday, 5pm at RMC (Georgia and Amanda); Ben will come afterward; Thursday – Eric and Rahul will finish and print out labels
- First Meeting:
  - Find out when recitation sessions are, so that we can schedule meetings better
  - Meet this weekend to prepare ppt for meeting (**everyone**)
  - **Eric** – send email to **Rahul** with instructions; Tuesday or Wednesday at 7:30 pm (August 31st or Sept. 1st)
  - Buy snacks (max $80) – cookies/brownies (40-50 people)
  - Advertizing:
    - BMES listserve – **Ben will get Amanda access to listserve**
    - **Amanda** – (emails)
      - new student listserve (ustudents@rice.edu) – **Ben** confirm
      - BMES list with new students
      - emails: Friday and Tuesday
    - Announcements in class:
      - (Sophomores) BIOE 252 – Rahul
      - (Juniors) Biomaterials – Georgia
      - (Seniors) Biomaterials for Eng – Ben + Eric; Design – Dr. Oden; Systems Biology of Blood Vessels – Ben
    - Flyers: post on Friday after activities fair
      - **Georgia** - use old logo to create basic flyer, send to Ben by Wednesday night
      - **Amanda** – email Georgia advertisement
  - Membership fees - $15 for dues plus shirt
    - Collect dues at second meeting
  - Agenda:
    - Introduction plus overview (what you can do in BMES)
    - Dr. Suh does introduction – research at Rice University [maybe talk at a second meeting – need to ask her]
• PPT - What BIOE is? Dispel fears about pre-med (Q&A session)
• Location: Sewall 301 – book room (Eric will send Rahul link and directions)

- T-shirts:
  • Amanda will send out ideas for design by this weekend
  • Georgia – ask Aakash about cost by tonight
  • Email Amanda about t-shirt designs

Activities for this semester:
1. First meeting: how to get into research; talk about Applying to Graduate School Seminar; mentoring; gauge interest about National Conference
2. Second meeting (3rd week of September, ~22nd): BMES Social + Pizza + meet and greet with the Mentors
3. BMES National Meeting – October 7-9th – Dept. sponsors 2 people to go for free to conference (perhaps Georgia and Rahul)
4. Third meeting: September 29th – Graduate School Seminar (1st session – graduate students)
5. Fourth Meeting: October 27th - Graduate School Seminar (2nd session) – talk with professors, show personal statements
6. 5th meeting – November – Summer Internships
7. 6th meeting – November – Career Panel
8. December – end of the semester party

Other events:
- New faculty spotlight (Tea/Coffee Time)
- Medical Ethics
- BMES Basketball Tournament (begin organizing)
- Industry Tour (October)
- BTB talk
- IBB Lecture series – BMES co-hosts (possibly bi-weekly)

Mentorship program:
- Ask freshmen to sign up on first meeting
- Officers will go out and ask Juniors/Seniors to be mentors
- Second meeting: mentors do meet and greet over food

Discussion
• Student Activities funding
• Industry sponsors?
• Fun versus professional BMES shirt
  o BRC logo on t-shirt