

## ARC Meeting – Minutes

Tuesday, April 1, 2008 - 7:30-8:30pm

Present: Pradeep, Fei, Andrey, Welsey, will, Dan, John, Elizabeth, Kurt

Guest: Erik Madsen

Not Present: Ila, Michelle, Aditya

1. Introduce yourself
  - a. Pradeep
    - i. APh & English
    - ii. Fleming
    - iii. Joined ARC because many people have complaints and wanted to make a difference
  - b. Fei
    - i. MechE
    - ii. Fleming
    - iii. Joine because of SEC, to make a difference, and create an enjoyable learning environment
  - c. Andrey
    - i. Chem, possibly add CDS or change to ChE
    - ii. Ricketts
    - iii. Joined to reduce people whining, change the atmosphere of miserable upperclassmen by changing this generation of frosh
  - d. Wesley
    - i. Chem
    - ii. Avery
    - iii. Want to improve student attendance in class
  - e. will
    - i. MechE
    - ii. Ruddock
    - iii. Want to make a difference, fix a broke system, improve student faculty communication, students are frustrated so they don't know what to tell the prefrosh
  - f. Dan
    - i. EE
    - ii. Lloyd
    - iii. Joined ARC because interested in academics at Caltech and wanted to improve academics for undergraduates
  - g. John
    - i. MechE
    - ii. Lloyd
    - iii. Want to change the academic culture where people need to stay up all night to finish sets as opposed to at Cambridge where people aren't penalized for not completely finishing a set while still learning material
  - h. Elizabeth
    - i. Bio & BEM

- ii. Lloyd
  - iii. Students can't talk to professors directly, lot of whining without anything happening, want people to be more proactive
- i. Kurt
  - i. Physics
  - ii. Blacker
  - iii. Want to help and fix things, change depressed culture, follow up on SEC stuff
- 2. Donut link to ARC is still pointing to donut server rather than new ugcs server ([will](#))
- 3. Lunch with Vice Provost next Wednesday?
  - a. Next week does not work
  - b. Reschedule for following week, aim for Tuesday or Friday ([will](#))
- 4. SEC House Group Discussions
  - a. Hold them around 4/6 – 4/16 ([All House Reps](#))
  - b. [will](#), Dan, and RaL will help take notes
    - i. Lloyd – [Elizabeth](#)
    - ii. Fleming – [Fei](#)
    - iii. Page, Ruddock, Dabney – [will](#)
    - iv. Avery, Blacker, Ricketts – [Dan](#)
- 5. Course complaints
  - a. Ph 106 – Eisenstein ([Kurt](#))
    - i. No TQFR data yet
    - ii. Clue response seem ok, reasonable class
    - iii. Required class attendance (can't share notes and open note, closed book exam)
    - iv. Some people were told they could get notes from the TA but some were told that they couldn't
  - b. CS 11
    - i. Underunited, 4 – 6 hours of work
    - ii. C++, Java tracks
    - iii. Workload is indicated at the beginning of the class
    - iv. People spending more time seem to have little programming background
  - c. Next year Ph 8 will be available
    - i. Ph 8 is the prac Phys lab
    - ii. Taking the lab for two terms will count as a frosh lab for Core requirements
- 6. Intend to have someone from ARC on APC, Core Steering Committee, and Curriculum Committee so that ARC will stay informed
- 7. Caltech needs to recognize that a significant number of students go into industry after graduation
  - a. Need to introduce newer technologies and industry projects
  - b. Caltech has a deep rooted philosophy of research and academia
- 8. TQFR
  - a. TQFR for second term is not up yet, [Dan](#) will contact Provost's Office
  - b. Which department is not on TQFR yet? Ch or Ch/ChE? ([Dan](#))
- 9. No updates on UROH
- 10. IHC wants to bring faculty back into houses, currently busy with Prefrosh Weekend
- 11. ARC Retreat

- a. Read ASCIT Teaching Awards nominations and select recipients
  - b. Plan out the next year
  - c. Invite old reps dependent on funding
12. Research course in Anthropology next year focused on undergraduate culture
- a. Kurt will forward e-mail he received
13. Dan will contact everyone about a regular meeting time