

ARC Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2009 – 12-1 PM
Olive Walk

Present: will, John, Adi, Michelle, Dan, Fei, Kurt, Pradeep, Elizabeth
Guest: Vivek
Not Present: Andrey, Wesley, Ila

A. Carry Over from Last Year

1. Student Experience Conference Follow-Up Report [will/Andrey]
 - a. Distribution
 - b. Pursuing Recommendations
 - c. Distribution of SEC reports, house reps make sure your house gets theirs
 - d. Write up survey questions to follow up on report [will/Andrey]

B. Usual Stuff

2. Course Feedback
 - a. Last term (Ec11 (Plott) [Fei]: send survey results to will/Dan)
 - b. Ma 108 (John)
 - c. ACM 95b
 - i. Mixed comments – some support new grading, some prefer old
 - ii. People may want the old system only because it's easier
 - iii. Let's see if we can get a compromise so that there are exams but homework is worth a larger percentage – maybe 50% HW, 50% exams
 - iv. Kurt will talk to Meiron about this suggestion
3. Committee Updates
 - a. Committee summaries [Andrey]
 - needs to be done soon

C. Looking Forward

4. UROH
 - a. Administration/logistics [Pradeep]
 - Student Form
 - b. Publicity [Pradeep/Elizabeth]
 - need to publicize
 - i) send e-mails to profs you know [everyone]
 - ii) pass out fliers to department secretaries/profs you know [everyone]
 - iii) Caltech Today website [will]
- a. Student publicity (follow later after sufficient postings)
4. Would like current reps to stay on until third term
5. Student faculty lunches (Kurt/Michelle)
 - a. Dates not set up

6. Links to academic clubs/groups on campus are now online [Dan]
 7. UASH guide
 8. List of Pizza Courses on ARC website: (Ch10abc, ChE10b, E2, Ph10, Bi2, Ge10)
 - a. Send any other ones you know to Dan
 - b. Also any seminars that you know of
 - c. List of frosh labs would also be useful
6. SFC 2009
- a. SFC committees
 - due: student list, faculty list, and survey questions (this Sun)
I will send out e-mail about people who haven't done things
 - Physics
 - o Michelle will try to contact Alex
 - o Micha for co-chair?
 - Daniel Obenshain hasn't responded to Pradeep – Michelle will find him too
 - Survey questions due Sunday – send reminders
ACM, SS, and UR have sent in
CS seems to have sent theirs out already
 - Old Surveys put online [Dan]
 - will^2 meet with chairs
 - type in survey q's into donut [will/Pradeep]
 - survey prizes – talk to Deans about a prize
 - b. Logistics
 - A/V+set-up [on hold until location confirmation]
 - Publicity
 - T-shirt
 - e-mails, Tech article later
 - Programs and Fliers
 - Reserve Rooms (x10)
 - Food/Peter Daily (~200 people)

C. Dates Ahead

April 6, 2009

SFC 2009

Quick Guide to Undergraduate Academic Ineligibility [or "How to get UASHed"]

Caltech requires undergraduates to maintain a minimum GPA and to pass a certain number of units each term to remain a student at Caltech. Students who dip below these requirements become "academically ineligible", or more commonly known among the students, "flamed and UASHed".

Here is a short summary of all the ways one can become academically ineligible. All units and courses below do not include PE. For more detailed information on Academic Ineligibility, see pp 141-144 in the 2008-2009 Caltech Catalog.

Freshmen [What determines a freshman/non-frosh? Is this by number of completed terms at Caltech or by financial aid's scale for upperclassmen: "108 minimum units earned and minimum 3 terms of enrollment"?]

- 24+ units of E or F
- 3+ courses of E or F
- after reinstated, 6+ units of E or F anytime during the rest of freshman year

Upperclassmen

- 1.4 GPA or below, any term
- 27+ units of E or F, any term
- 1.9 GPA or below, in an academic year (except senior year, but you need a cumulative GPA of 1.9+ to graduate) [what is an academic year? if you were a student first term, took a sabbatical the second term, back the third, do you only count 1st and 3rd terms? What if you were UASHed 1st term; does that still count toward the "academic year"?]
- 45+ units of E or F, in an academic year
- Passed less than 36 units in previous term, and less than 99 units last three terms
- following term after reinstated, passed less than 36 units OR 1.9 GPA or below

If you become academically ineligible, you must petition the UASH (Undergraduate Academic Standards and Honors) Committee to remain a student. Generally, the Deans can reinstate after your first ineligibility (if you have 42 or fewer units of E or F). Any subsequent ineligibility goes to UASH. If your petition is denied, you can also apply for an appeal. See the UASH handbook for advice on writing your petition: <http://www.registrar.caltech.edu/uash/handbook.htm>

Note that some options may bar you from continuing in their option if you receive less than 1.9 in an academic year [does this actually happen/happen frequently? if not, leave this line out]

Feel free to contact any UASH representative if you have other questions about the process.