

MESSA Minutes for May 8, 2014

1) MEHAT

- Next year, we need to order more food
- Other than the food issue, MEHAT went well on our end

2) Budget

- We received our budget back from the student government and we have been approved for next year's MEHAT lamb roast and \$50 for general materials
- No funding for Lights or for Lauren Carty's and Richard Harrod's Gulf conference
 - However, we can appeal once there are more details

3) Booze Cruise

- Kyle Bellows came and gave us more details about the Booze Cruise
- The Booze Cruise will be on June 7th
- It will cost \$20 per person
 - The \$20 per person covers up to 63 people
 - The original quoted price was for 50 people
- People are allowed to bring a +1
 - The boat holds up to 100 people, so this shouldn't be an issue
- Alex Taylor will take point for the signup process and he will also handle the money
- Kyle and Jose will draft an initial email to be sent on Monday
- Kyle will also figure out how to pay the company: in cash or with a check
- What should we do for food?
 - Food from the boat company is too expensive, but we are allowed to bring our own food on board
 - There might be a graduate student food fund, which would supply something similar to a brown bag meal

4) MESSA Website

- We should keep the website essentially the same, but also trim and clean it up
- Should/can we add a quarterly CMES calendar to the website?
- Do we want to use the website as a regular resource for events?
- We will continue talking about the MESSA website next school year

5) Social Sciences Funding

- There might still be some leftover funds from the social sciences
 - Gwen Bellinger will check and see if there is any additional funding left
- If there is some funding left, we could possibly use it for food on the Booze Cruise?

6) Reading Day Pizza party