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 possible use it for food on the Booze Cruise?

6) Reading Day Pizza party