



GSC 2020 | General Body Meeting

February 09th, 2021

Discussed items:

- BESE Council members left except for Ali Balbaid and Mustakeem Mustakeem. They have agreed to let the GSC help them establish the council, and finalize the official documents (charter & SOP), since they only work on the student seminar now, and their documents are not finalized. Ali and Mustakeem agreed on holding Spring elections for the council, and Ali is happy to take lead in the meantime. Sarah Kanee (GSC ARO) will approach them to discuss the GSC helping their council.
- CEMSE Council is on track and started drafting the charter & SOP. The paperwork should be finalized by next week, then they are ready to get in touch with the division.
- Tutoring program is on the way & trying to figure out the courses that most need a tutor. Sarah will work on a proposal and finalize a draft by next week.
- A meeting was held including GSC representative Sarah Kanee, the division deans, the VPAA, and faculty representation to revise the teaching evaluation survey. The idea is to shift the focus on evaluating the course & teaching methodology rather than evaluating the professor. A section for student self-evaluation is to be added as well.
- Graduation Review and Diplomas meeting is to be held regularly once a month for 6 months to re-evaluate the process and what goes into the diploma.
- Portal website is to be updated and we need a survey to ask students for suggestions & feedback.
- HSE is re-designing the air quality website and would like students' feedback and suggestions. A survey is to be sent to students. Currently, the website updates every 15 minutes, and seems to lack an executive summary, which is much needed given the length and detailed nature of the page.
- KAUST Smart is holding meetings soon to discuss new ideas for smart homes and smart locks.
- KAUST is continuing the Future Faculty Program, and the GSC is suggesting adding a practical component to it such as allowing the student to teach a course as an instructor, not a TA. Another suggestion discussed was to prepare students for a career in academia out of Kingdom, not just in Kingdom, given the diverse nature of KAUST.
- KAUST is bringing a specialist to help with student-faculty conflict resolution, and the GSC believe this is a great idea, but confidentiality need to be treated with the utmost importance.



Action Items:

Action Item	Assigned to	Due Date
Set meeting to start helping the BESE Council	Sarah	02/16/2021
Finalize CEMSE Council paperwork	Sarah	02/16/2021
Tutoring program proposal	Sarah	02/16/2021
New student's portal survey	Sarah	02/12/2021
Air quality survey	Ahmed	02/12/2021
Approach the new Secretary to be added	Michael	02/16/2021