# Society of Women Engineers

**Meeting Minutes** 

February 26, 2020

| Officers Present: | President: Abbi Morgan<br>Vice President: Cheyenne Robb<br>Treasurer: Maria Garcia<br>Secretary: Kelsi Burt |
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| Chairs Present:   | Events: Megan Lowrance<br>SWENext: Shela Joyce<br>Outreach: Erin Corum<br>Membership: Paige Higgins         |
| Attendees:        | 20  |
| Next Meeting:     | Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 7 pm in SST 107  |

### • Leadership Board

• The leadership board introduced themselves.

### • About SWE

- SWE was founded in 1950, and UAH SWE was founded in 1983.
- Mission
  - Empower women to achieve full potential in careers as engineers
- Paid membership
  - Benefits
    - Network of women in engineering
    - Scholarships
    - Conference
    - Resources: magazine, newsletter, webinars, etc.
    - Leadership skills
    - Affinity groups
    - Discounts for joint memberships (NSBE, SHPE, AISES)
  - How to become a paid member
    - Collegiate to Career: one-time payment of \$50 for all years of college and one year of professional membership
      - Discount Code: <u>50FFC2C</u> for \$5 off the \$50
      - If you are not a paid member, you can still become one!
    - Collegiate: \$20 every year

- Become a paid member on swe.org!
- Dues are not required for membership with UAH SWE.

## • Conference

- The leadership board went to the SWE conference in Raleigh, NC.
- We learned a lot of valuable information that we will use to improve UAH SWE.
- Upcoming Events
  - SWENext Mentoring Event
    - Friday, February 28 at 6 pm at the Insanity Complex
    - This is open to everyone!
    - Insanity Complex activities: <u>http://insanitycomplex.com/explore-complex/</u>
    - You will need to bring money.
      - \$10 can get you 2 hours of arcade games
    - This is a great opportunity to interact with your mentees and/or meet new people.
  - Paid Member Only Mini Conference
    - Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 pm in SST 103
    - Leadership will be giving short presentations about information they learned from conference.
    - VIP event for paid members only!
      - Only for paid members because conference is one of many benefits of being a paid member
      - We will check if you are a paid member at the door.
      - If you are not a paid member, you can still become one!
    - Examples of workshops
      - The Great Debate: Industry vs. Grad School
      - Shifting you Energy for Success
      - Lessons in Gendered Communication
      - Journey to Autonomy: Caterpillar
  - Raytheon Event
    - Wednesday, March 11 at 6 pm in SST 219
    - Two women from Raytheon will be talking about their careers, difficulties they have faced as women, and opportunities available at Raytheon.
    - You must RSVP because they will be providing FREE pizza.
    - RSVP <u>here</u> by March 6
  - Pi Day
    - Friday, March 13 (not actual pi day) 10 am 2 pm on the CU Lawn
    - We will need 2 volunteers for each hour-long shift.
    - We also need people to donate pies, either homemade or store bought.
      - If you are donating a pie, email <a href="mailto:swe@uah.edu">swe@uah.edu</a> to let us know.
    - Sign up <u>here</u>

- Pi Day Board Painting Event
  - Suggestions on date/time?
  - Currently looking at Friday, March 6 in the afternoon.
  - Email suggestions to swe@uah.edu
- Etiquette Dinner?
  - We are looking at possibly having an etiquette dinner on Honors Day, March 24 around 6 pm.
  - This event will be for paid members only.
    - If you are not a paid member, you can still become one!
  - There will be free food and a guest speaker!
- Rose Ball
  - Saturday, April 18
  - Volunteers will receive free tickets to the event.
- Decorate Coasters/Graduation Caps
  - Wednesday, April 15 at 7 pm in SST 219
- Surprise Guest Speakers: Amanda Steinmetz and Darnisha Crane
  - Amanda Steinmetz: Maximum Technology Corporation
  - Darnisha Crane: Raytheon
- Elections
  - An application will be sent out soon so keep an eye on your email.
  - Positions
    - Executive Board: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer
    - Chair Positions: events, SWENext, Membership, Outreach, and Fundraising
  - You must be a paid member to run for a leadership position.
    - If you are not a paid member, you can still become one!
  - Committees: Homecoming, FLL, outreach, mentor program, etc.
    - Various committees will consist of members and be led by leadership.
    - This is an opportunity for members to share ideas about a variety of SWE events.
  - If you would like to learn more about any of the positions, email <u>swe@uah.edu</u>, and we can schedule an appointment for you to meet with the current position.
    - Ex. If you are interested in running for events chair for next year, you can sit down with our current events chair to discuss the roles and responsibilities.

### • SWE Swag

- Blue T-shirts = \$10 (or free if you become a paid member)
- Buttons = \$2
- Yellow T-shirts = \$20
  - These shirts will arrive soon!

- Social Media
  - GroupMe: QR Code in slides
  - Instagram: @uah.swe
  - Twitter: @uahswe
  - Website: http://uah.swe.org/
  - Facebook:
    - Private group for students/members: UAH SWE https://www.facebook.com/groups/1949278305291737/
    - Page for the public: UAH Society of Women Engineers https://www.facebook.com/UAHSWE/