

AEGSO Open Forum notes, January 25, 2016

1. Aaron Rosenberg (GPSS Representative)
  - a. Aaron represents our department in GPSS, contact him at [aaronr@iastate.edu](mailto:aaronr@iastate.edu)
  - b. Professional Advancement Grant (PAG)
    - i. Awards are \$180 to go toward attending a research conference
    - ii. You must apply by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to your conference
    - iii. Go to [www.gpss.iastate.edu](http://www.gpss.iastate.edu) to apply
  - c. GPSS Research Conference
    - i. An annual on-campus conference hosted by the GPSS
    - ii. Registration will open February 1<sup>st</sup>
    - iii. Will include 15 minute oral, poster and 3-minute thesis presentations
    - iv. Cash awards for best presentations in each category
    - v. Also an invited talk by Jorge Cham (PhD Comics)
    - vi. An email announcement will be coming soon
  
2. Jim Wellman (Aerospace Department IT Specialist)
  - a. Available to help with any IT issues, etc. you have
  - b. Email: [wellman@iastate.edu](mailto:wellman@iastate.edu), office: Howe 2356
  - c. Will soon be switching to Google Print instead of Web Print
  - d. For new computers, work through your major professor
  - e. New encryption finished with laptops, desktops likely coming next
  
3. Ben Zimmerman (AEGSO President)
  - a. Thursday Coffee is now from 9:30-10:30 instead of 9:00-10:00
  - b. New seminar attendance requirement
    - i. Not an official policy yet, but will be coming next school year
    - ii. Will need to attend 8 seminars per school year, at least 2 per semester
    - iii. Will try to include seminars from M E, Ch E, etc.
  - c. We will have a potluck later this semester, announcement to come later
  - d. New coffee machine in Howe 2352
    - i. It is everyone's responsibility to keep it clean when you use it
    - ii. If it is messy, etc. please help clean it or alert someone to help
  - e. New officers for next school year
    - i. Majority of current officers will be graduating spring/summer
    - ii. Anyone interested can attend current weekly officer meetings to see what we discuss and see if you'd like to run for a position next year
    - iii. Officer meetings are Wednesdays at 11 am under the AirISU plane
    - iv. There will be elections for new officers at the next Open Forum in April
  - f. Later this semester we will try to do Friday After Class (grab a beer at a local bar)