

Meeting called to order at 5:03

What is SPO: Student Planning Organization
Professional and social aspects

Introductions: new board members
New faculty--welcome to Lisa Bates, from UNC
Interests: Policies about financing for housing for lower income people

Diversity Discussions
Would like to have follow-up meetings from last year

National Planning Conference, April 22-26th: Bethany
Amount of money for reimbursement dependent on interest
Sign-up sheet to gauge interest in fundraising for attending the event
Last day for discounted pricing is tomorrow; reimbursed conference fee for volunteering

Fundraising: Ladd
Cleaning Assembly Hall—is this possible
Krispy Kreme doughnuts
Email Ladd with fundraising ideas

Planners Institute: Leah
Free for UIUC students (faculty must pay to attend)
March 2nd and 3rd; will take place on the U of I campus
UIC would like to stay with UIUC students if possible while attending the conference
Co-host a social hour with the Chicago students while they are in town

Resume Workshop: Charlotte
Practitioners/Professionals to critique student resumes
Bring your resume and meet with career service; or review sample student resume
Panel of graduate students: regarding questions about grad school, etc.

Outreach Committee: Leslie
SPO would like to establish better ties with the Champaign-Urbana community
Volunteer for clean-ups, planting, Adopt-a-pathway
Would like to see if people are interested in committees

Career Expo with the School of Architecture
Interact with professionals in urban planning and related fields
Rob Olshansky is holding an internship meeting Wednesday, Feb. 8th

UpWords: Ryan
Magazine is posted online and a hard copy is available on the SPO bulletin board
If you would like to make submissions to the magazine, feel free to email material to
Ryan and Ladd

Website: Sam
Calendar (color-coded for activities) available online

February 25th one-day conference: Midwest High-Speed Rails Association
Deals 494 Sustainability Class—the speaker was Kunstler
Student fee of \$15
Possibility of sharing a vehicle to attend
Contact Michael for additional information: kilcullun@uiuc.edu

New Urbanism: Eric
Cross-disciplinary: architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning
Debate on New Urbanism: sprawl versus new urbanism
Design Charette
Next meeting: February 22nd
Meetings are generally round-table discussions at coffee shops

ARUPLA: Leslie
Organization of architecture, urban planning, and landscape architecture students
Spring Open House—for high school students; the 10th and 11th

Upcoming Events
This Friday: FireHaus at 5:30 (food and drink)
Feb. 8th Wed: Internship session with Rob in room 225 at noon
Feb. 17: Happy Hour at Murphy's 5:30
Feb. 23-24: Career Expo in TBH
March 2-3rd: Planning Institute
March 2: Social event co-hosted with UIC students
March 3: Happy Hour at the Office

SPO communicates on behalf of the students to the faculty: contact us with any questions, comments, and concerns

Matt Savoie: good luck card for former graduate student Matt, who is going to the Olympics for figure skating

Meeting dismissed at 5:30

Pizza and pop in Atrium

SPO General Meeting

March 9, 2006

Called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Word from our President:

"SPO is **YOUR** liaison!" We encourage diversity in both education and curriculum.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. **Outreach Committee** (Leslie and Charlotte)

Trying to get communication between students and community at large. Both Urbana and Champaign have been contacted and are both interested in our participation and helping them interacting in the community.

b. **ARUPLA** - Aaron Petri, President

They are having an open house all day tomorrow and Saturday. They need help setting up, tearing down, giving tours, and much more! Talk to Aaron or Leslie for more information. The open house is for everyone to see how other curriculums work. Architecture uses it as a recruiting event. LA and UP use it as an outreach for those curious about our program and about Faculty and Student work. A sign up sheet went around to join the group and e-mail server.

c. **APA National Conference** - Bethany

SPO has money to aid students. Pizza can be sold on Monday as a fundraiser. Sign up if you want to help.

d. **Fundraising (for all SPO)** - Jose

We want to make our own official t-shirts. There will be a design competition open to all Planning Students. Look for a flyer announcing the details. The winner will win a free t-shirt. A poll was taken and a dark shirt won (no visible pit stains).

e. **Planners Institute** - Leah

Thanks to Pattsy for putting on a wonderful event!!! Thanks to all those that attended, it went great!

f. **Diversity session** - Leah

Great meeting last night...look for more info to come! Great job to Ladd and Marissa for hosting.

g. **Resume Workshop** - Meg and Steph

You can submit your own resume to be critiqued by both faculty members and professionals. Look for that and the workshop to happen in the middle of April; before APA Conference and Easter.

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h. UpWords - Ryan

Please submit your entries to Ryan at rpjensen@uiuc.edu. Submit anything you like: haikus, class work, poems, short stories...whatever you like!

i. Website - Same

Check out the website for calendars, events, APA, pictures, workshops, and much, much more!

j. SPO need your help! - Leah

We are organizing a picnic and sporting events, but would love new ideas and your help! Let us know what you have!

k. Announcements from other organization/individuals

Roger Cannaday - Real Estate Group from the College of Business. To find their website: Go to the College of Business website, then click on Students, then on Student Organizations, then on Rho Epsilon. Each year they bring in diverse panels of speakers, lawyers, real estate agents, consultants, land planners, etc. It is a great opportunity to network and to find out more avenues from the field of planning. In the past, they have had planners as the President of their organization. You submit a form to room 304A, David Kennley Hall and a check for \$15 and you are automatically a member of Rho Epsilon!!! To just join the list server, e-mail Marc Featherstone at feathers@uiuc.edu or Laura Genis at lgenis@uiuc.edu or Roger Cannaday at rcannada@uiuc.edu. Check them out!!!

2. UPCOMING SPO EVENTS

March

- 10-11 Cultural Heritage and Human Rights Workshop
- 13 Brown Bag - noon at TBH - Shih King Lai - PhD Alum
- 18-26 SPRING BREAK
- 28 Intl Planning Colloquium - noon in room 225 - Rob O.
- 29 Rm 223 at noon - MUP Capstone Meeting
- 30 Brown Bag - noon at TBH - Nikhil - PhD
- 31 Happy Hour - Co-hosted by Leah and Lauren

April

- 4 Intl Planning Colloq. - noon in room 225 - Zorica
- 5 SPO General Meeting

3. Do you have other ideas for events that you'd be interested in doing independently or with SPO's help? (i.e. BBQ, grad/undergrad mixers, etc.) We want to provide assistance/resources for planning students to do so. Please speak to or e-mail your friendly board members!!!

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4. Don't forget, the SPO is here to be your voice to the Faculty - if you have issues you'd like the faculty to know about - TELL US!!!!!!

SPO General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 13, 2006

President Leah welcomed everyone and introduced SPO (educational, networking and social aspects of actively participating)

1. Announcements

- a. APA National Conference (BETHANY)
 - i. Fundraiser going well – please come on Monday the 17th and buy some pizza to support those going!
- b. Recap on Diversity workshop (LADD)
 - i. Gained feed back from students and faculty. There will be a follow up email reporting new happenings and activities with diversity and difference within the department.
- c. Outreach Committee (LESLIE)
 - i. Earth Day – April 22 – Boneyard Creed Participate!
- d. Spring SPO Picnic (CHARLOTTE)
 - i. In conjunction with last SPO general meeting May 4th
 - ii. Food, games, people and fun! More details to come!
- e. UpWords (RYAN/LADD)
 - i. Need submissions! Class projects, short stories, poems, drawings, etc.!
 - ii. Email Ladd or Ryan with your fantastic ideas!
- f. Website (SAM)
 - i. Send appropriate pictures– sans alcohol or drunk people
 - ii. New links to our website!
- g. Resume Workshop (MEG)
 - i. Will be moved to next semester
- h. Administration Day (LEAH)
 - i. (Brenda/Glenda/Jane/Kathy/Diane/Kay)
 - ii. On April 26, go give our administrators a BIG THANK YOU!!!
- i. SPO Bulletin Board (STEPH)
 - i. It's organized so check it out for valuable info – Job/internships/social/planning etc.
 - ii. Look for great things on the Bulletin Board!
- j. Happy Hour – Not this week but week after APA Conference
- k. Announcements from other organizations: None
- l. Announcements from SPO officers: None
- m. Open the floor to SPO members to comment.
 - i. Is anyone applying for Sheffield in the Fall?
- n. T-shirt fundraiser/competition (JOSE)
 - i. Submissions! Post them/review them for a couple of minutes
 - ii. Have paper and pens – do survivor-esque voting system.
 - iii. And the winner is.....we wait for more submissions! Get them in, we want a cool and snazzy t-shirt!

2. Upcoming SPO Events – WRITE THESE DOWN!

Apr. 18	(Wed)	Brown Bag – noon in 225 with Mishauno and Russell – Reed Custer Comprehensive Plan
Apr. 19	(Thurs)	Brown Bag – noon in TBH with Marisa Zapata – on San Antonio
Apr. 22-26	(Fri-Wed)	APA National Conference in San Antonio
Apr. 26	(Wed)	Administration Day – Pop in & say thanks to the ladies in the office
Apr. 27	(Thurs)	IPC – Faranak MirafTAB – “Enduring Colonialism”
Apr. 27	(Thurs)	Happy Hour – Bethany and Suraiya – Place TBA
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May 3	(Wed)	Last Day of Classes!
May 4	(Thurs)	LAST SPO MEETING!! AND PICNIC!!

3. Do you have other ideas for events that you'd be interested in doing independently or with SPO's help? (i.e. SPORty event, BBQ, etc.) We want to provide assistance/resources for planning students to do so. Please speak to a board member afterwards or email us. Also, we want to hear your ideas for the fall and how to make the DURP and TBH better places to study/work/live