

OU Student Chapter of AMS September Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2009

At our September 1 meeting, we had an introduction by our School of Meteorology director, Dr. Carr. Following him our Associate Dean, Dr. Kloesel discussed the opportunity for students to become tour guides for the National Weather Center and the two training sessions held in the month of September. Our new president, Jake Thiem, introduced the officers that were elected in May 2009. Then we talked about some of the major events that our chapter does throughout the year including the School of Meteorology Welcome Back Picnic in September and the Weather Fest on November 7. We also discussed our Outreach committee that has quickly become known for its presentations to elementary school classes in the spring and assistance with weather radio programming days at Home Depot and Wal-Mart. We talked about our upcoming meetings topics including: Vortex II, the new GIS major, and requirements for graduate school. We held elected new freshman representatives Kristopher Davis, Kaitlyn Smoleroff, and Emily Thompson. We began the meeting at 6:35 and ended at 7:45.

September 8, 2009

At the officers meeting on September 8, we began with a discussion of the possibility of funding implementation of campus wide tornado shelter signs. One of the junior students is working on a proposal for the signs and the University has offered to cover some of the cost. We discussed feedback from the previous meeting and what we can do to improve included logistics and basic organization issues to make our meetings run more smoothly. We planned the September 15th study abroad meeting with speakers Alek Krutmann, Margaret Frey, and the exchange students from Reading, England and Hamburg, Germany. Alek traveled to Monash, Australia and Margaret traveled to Reading, England on the exchange program last spring.

We are going to invite COCAMS to at least one meeting each semester. Fees are due at the October and we would like to invite Dr. Purcell, Dr. Tarhule, or Dr. May Yuan to the October meeting. We are looking for a freshman or sophomore to learn how to update the website along with our Vice President. We began discussions about who will be attending the AMS meeting in January, and preliminary poster information. We also touched on publicity for the National Weather Center Festival, and the possibility of a campus wide weather awareness day. We ended by creating committees and choosing which officers will head up those committees. The 4 major committees are the publicity, fundraising, outreach, and social committees. Our additional committees include T-Shirt, Poster, Weather Fest, and Big Event committees. The meeting ran from 6:30 to 8:15.

September 15, 2009

We began our September 15 meeting by announcing the major committees: Publicity, Social, Outreach, and Fundraising. The first student speakers at this meeting were the students from Hamburg, Germany. They showed a promotional video about the University of Hamburg and the science and research available. Hamburg is the 2nd largest city in Germany. The university has 38000 students total with 25 professors, 100 undergraduate and 40 graduate students in Institute of Meteorology. The trip is cheaper than students think and the language is not as big of a problem as it may seem. The next speaker was Alek who studied in Monash, Australia. He talked about the opportunity for travel and the Monash Weather and Climate society camping trip. Following Alek, Dr. Grimes from Reading University in England spoke about the program. Reading is a top ranked university in Europe located 30 minutes from London and Oxford by train. The original meteorology building was a restored WWII hospital. The UK Met Office, ranked highest department in the country and home of offices like NCAS and NCEO (Similar to NOAA), is only minutes away. The department has 22 professors, 15 to 20 undergraduates, and 15 PhD students. Margaret Frey traveled to Reading last spring, and talked about all of the possibilities for travel during the 4 week Easter break. The several Reading students who were present gave a students perspective of the university. The meeting ran from 6:30 to 8 pm.