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SCALA GENERAL MEETING—04/01/08 5PM SIS 502

1) Icebreaker: Killer Cards

2) Officer Reports

- a. Vice President Carver
 - i. it's all ComiCon-related, so will save for later in the meeting
- b. Secretary Taylor
 - i. it's all SCALA by Air-related, so will save for later in the meeting
- c. Treasurer Zieja
 - i. our budget currently sits at \$3400, minus pizza costs
- d. Webmaster Elia
 - i. looking to streamline the posting of the minutes
 1. will be moving the blog away from Blogspot to a place where GoogleDocs can be uploaded
 - ii. Automating the archives space of the SCALA website

3) Old Business

- a. Fast Track Weekend
 - i. this weekend!
 - ii. Wes Lipschultz, Student Services Manager, came and talked to the executive board
 1. about 30-35 students have signed up to participate in each FT weekend event with the SIS Alumni Association
 2. registration is now closed
 3. timeline
 - a. 9-9:30—breakfast
 - b. 9:30-11—Career Services presentation
 - c. 11-12—lunch catered by Giant Eagle
 - d. afternoon—mock interviews and resume reviews
 4. would be happy to have some help from SCALA—both officers and members with setting up for breakfast and lunch and with guiding people throughout the day—see Wes if you'd like to help, or just show up between 8:30-8:40



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- iii. Alyssa (member): is there a master list of who will be doing mock interviews when? Will contact Wes to find out.
- b. ComicCon
 - i. specifics
 - 1. 4 hour shifts recommended
 - 2. 3-4 people per shift preferred so two can man booth and the other two can gopher or walk around
 - 3. 1st person to arrive in the morning will be responsible for bringing coffee to the booth
 - 4. Carver will be setting up on Thursday before the event begins
 - ii. reminders
 - 1. April 25-27, the weekend after Spring classes finish, so be sure to check your availability before signing up
 - 2. event is being held in Monroeville, so be mindful of how you will transport yourself to the event
 - iii. signup sheet sent around
 - 1. will be posted on the SCALA blog for any person—on campus member, FT member, or officer—to fill in any still-open spots
- c. Food Drive: Alyssa
 - i. discovered that Pitt's Community Relations in Alumni Hall already does an annual, campus-wide April food drive
 - ii. we're putting ourselves under their umbrella for our food drive
 - iii. they will provide the box, posters, and brochures, and will pick up the box when it is full
 - iv. we've issued a challenge (as yet not responded to) to the School of Social Work to see who can donate the most
 - v. drop-off box is in the 5th floor office and the drive begins Friday
 - vi. Alyssa will send out a general email to FTers, letting them know about the food drive so that they can participate during FT Weekend, if they choose
 - vii. perhaps we'll host a fundraising dinner where cost of admission is a donation of a canned or boxed food
- d. SCALA by Air



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- i. hot air balloon rides are prohibitively expensive
 - 1. \$200/person for 45 minute ride, and you have to help with set up
 - 2. \$10-\$20 off per person as a group rate
 - 3. SCALA would not be able to absorb all the costs
 - ii. alternative option: Incline
 - 1. not the most exciting, not exactly Air, but free with your Pitt ID
 - iii. alternative option: Fayette County Fair
 - 1. helicopter rides have been available for the past several years
 - 2. still expensive (no price set for 2008, but in past ~\$50/person)
 - 3. far away—would have to drive approximately 90 minutes
 - iv. will make decision at next meeting for which alternative to go with
- 4) New Business
- a. Third Thursday/End of Semester Blast
 - i. Fuel and Fuddle was too packed so the 7 people who attended moved the event to Peter's Pub
 - ii. Next location: Kelly's
 - 1. on Center in East Liberty by Whole Foods
 - 2. bus routes: 81s, 71A, 54C, 88s
 - 3. has a patio
 - iii. Look for more info on the blog and for Joe's flyers
 - b. Faculty Liaison
 - i. Andrea resigned due to time constraints
 - ii. since elections are held for SCALA executive positions every semester, we will be holding elections for all executive positions at the next meeting
 - iii. nominations
 - 1. officers should be a member of the ALA
 - 2. nominations accepted up to and including Tuesday May 6th
 - 3. you may nominate yourself or have someone else nominate you
 - 4. you can nominate by email, simply by emailing Taylor (jht3@pitt.edu) and Dr. Alman (salman@sis.pitt.edu)
 - iv. time not set for next meeting (May 6th) since summer schedules may affect when precisely the best time is