

GSSA Assembly Meeting  
[2021-3-18] --- [Zoom Conference Call]

- I. Call to Order **6:03 pm**
  - II. Approval of Minutes **approved as read**
  - III. Officer Reports
    - A. President - Ron Koshita ([rkoshita@tulane.edu](mailto:rkoshita@tulane.edu))
      1. Invited to the SSE Graduate Studies Committee.
        - a) **new non-voting seat, waiting on more details**
        - b) **wool!**
      2. Faculty Awards Committee: Nominee Deadline for March 25th at 4 pm
        - a) **No nominations yet! Committee met but nothing to do!**
          - (1) **Looking for nominations**
          - (2) **4 pm on the 25th for more nominations; please do it!**
      3. OGPS Updates:
        - a) Survey on graduate student career needs will be sent out soon.
          - (1) **Ogps is looking for more information about the kinds of careers/paths folks are interested in outside of academia**
        - b) A panel of Tulane alums with non-academic careers will be meeting on April 21st, at 12:30 pm!
          - (1) Register here:  
<https://tulane.instructure.com/courses/2226006/quizzes/4099243/take>
          - (2) **Worth it for words of wisdom!**
        - c) Amanda is looking for students who can speak to experiences with changing advisors, submissions will be kept anonymous.
          - (1) Please reach out to her at [areusch@tulane.edu](mailto:areusch@tulane.edu) if you or your constituents have anything to share!
      - 4. Elections are next meeting, April 1st!**
        - a) Please, please, please reach out to any of us if you are interested.
    - B. Vice President - Sophie Delsaux ([sdelsaux@tulane.edu](mailto:sdelsaux@tulane.edu))
      1. Crawfish event: requesting \$9000
        - a) **Good news! Not yet confirmed but in talks on the policies**
- To be confirmed but here some info: 16th of April, from 6 pm to 8 pm, Richardson quad,  
150 people max, only GSSA students (no +1)

**Pre-packed 4 lbs/person + a drink**

**Question:**

**Must be a student --- does this include SOPA?**

**Not if they are not a part of gssa (they are not).**

**Taking place on the side or behind of richardson? There is a plan for some curated pieces to be set up over there. There are questions about whether the setting will be okay.**

**Is there a vote to approve this request?**

**Motion, 2nded,**

**Technical difficulties**

**Motion to move voting for today to yes/no function on zoom**

**Approved**

**Any objections to funding request?**

**No, approved.**

C. Treasurer - Paolo Suating ([psuating@tulane.edu](mailto:psuating@tulane.edu))

1. Event requests

<b>Department</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event (attendees)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Linguistics	2021 Apr 10	T-CoL 2021 reception	Audubon Park	445.36

Details

- Estimated 30 attendees; total cost per head = \$14.84
- To be hosted in Audubon Park, across from Dinwiddie Hall

**FOOD AND BEVERAGE: \$428.98**

**Pre-boiled and pre-packaged crawfish in individual portions = \$420**

- (\$4 per pound of crawfish x 3.5 pounds of crawfish per person) x 30 people
- Captain Sid's Seafood, Metairie, LA

**Water bottles = \$8.98**

- \$8.98 per 32-pack x 1

**OTHER: \$16.38**

**Trash bags = \$6.44**

**Paper towels, 6 pack = \$5.98**

**Sanitizer wet wipes = \$3.96**

- \$1.98 per canister x 2 canisters

**Not sure about location, maybe city park or private location  
Capped at 30 people  
Rounded up b/c price of crawfish changes throughout the season;  
probably going to be lower than requested**

**Any questions?**

**Motion, 2nded**

**Passed**

2. Speaker requests

<b>Department</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Expense</b>
Linguistics	2021 Apr 10	Meriwynn Mansori, PhD	Virtual	Honorarium (\$200.00)

**Motion, 2nded,  
Approved  
Via poll!**

D. Secretary - Alyssa Walker ([awalker11@tulane.edu](mailto:awalker11@tulane.edu))

1. Taking over as secretary...

E. SLA Rep - Alejandra Castillo ([mcastil4@tulane.edu](mailto:mcastil4@tulane.edu))

1. SLA TA/GSI Google Form Responses
2. New TA/GSI Committee
  - a) **Thank you for your responses! We decided to create a separate committee to deal with this issue**
  - b) **Most frequently responded: spanish/portugese, philosophy, anthropology**
  - c) **Encouraged to participate especially if your department is one that responded**

**d) Plan for committee to meet next week**

IV. New Business

A. GAPSA Senator Report

**Nothing to report; meeting coming up on Tuesday**

**Lots going on behind the scene; look out for a message soon about the gapsa senator report next week!**

B. Graduate Council Report

**March meeting cancelled, so we'll hear from Michael at a later point.**

C. SLA Graduate Studies Committee Report

**Finalized memo to send out to departments on celt courses**

**Approved grad requirements**

**A couple new courses for french and italian**

**Info on graduation**

D. OISS Liaison Report

**Ron will follow up and let us know if he hears anything back.**

V. Old Business

**RON WILL BEG! But, because we are all kind people and don't want to make Ron beg, folks will volunteer for the open e-board positions (all but secretary)**

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment

**motion , 2nded, 6:37 pm**