GSSA Assembly Meeting

Minutes

29 February 2024 / Zoom

1. Call to order 6:07 PM
2. Approval of minutes and adoption of agenda – Approved as read
3. Guest Speakers
   1. Cemo Semmedi (Neuroscience PhD student survey presentation)
      1. Contact information:
      2. Survey to gain data for structure of program (pay, exams, etc).
      3. Possibility for working together to form committee to discuss student needs and concerns across SLA and SSE.
4. Officer Reports
   1. President – [president.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:president.gssa@tulane.edu)
      1. Announce GSSA Faculty Award winners
         1. SSE: Dr. Ricardo Mostany (Neuroscience)
         2. SLA: Martin Dimitrov (Political Science)
      2. GSSA E-Board elections
         1. Discuss process and timeline – elections held during 3/21 GSSA assembly meeting
         2. Survey for nominations open March 1st to March 15th
         3. Do not have to be a current GSSA representative to run/be nominated/take office
         4. Elections March 21st
            1. **March 21st meeting was approved by the Assembly to be held on zoom.**
      3. GSSA E-Board stipends
         1. Update on ongoing discussions with GAPSA, administrators, etc.
         2. Discuss timeline – formal vote April 18th
      4. Regalia reservations survey will be sent out week of 3/4
         1. Can reserve robes, **but not** tassels and caps.
      5. Need [1] OISS Liaison
         1. Volunteer: Godservice Eziefule
      6. Request for funding from reserve fund: Versatile PhD access for 2024-2025
         1. $1500 from General GSSA Budget
         2. Look at Versatile PhD, as well as check out alternatives before next meeting (3/21)
         3. Send information to your department to see what they think.
         4. Tabled, to be added to Old Business
   2. Vice President – [vp.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:vp.gssa@tulane.edu)
      1. Events
      2. Trivia update and question for the assembly
         1. Next Trivia night is 3/14
         2. Possibility of ordering more food at the next event
            1. Consider leftover VP amount from last semester
            2. Plus-ones

Motion to keep budget as is for trivia

Seconded

Motion passes, budget for trivia remains $1200

* + - 1. Update on Crawfest
         1. ~10,000 for a **tent** with the cost of food/drinks
         2. (this is for Spring of 2025), join the Events committee if interested!
      2. Rock-climbing date TBA for March
  1. Treasurer – [treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu)
     1. Running budget
     2. Redistribution of funds towards events and awards

Motion to redistribute $2000 from Meeting Expenses to Events

Seconded

Motion passes, $2000 moved to Event fund

* + 1. Event requests

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| **Requestor's Name** | **Requestor's Department** | **Event Title** | **Event Start Date** | **Estimated Number of Attendees and Affiliation** | **Amount Requested (Ex: $50.00)** | **Per Person** |
| Julia Sjodahl | Anthropology – GSSA | Anthropology Spring Mid-Semester Check In | 3/15/2024 | 49 | 225 | 4.5918367 |
| Aunindya Jyoti | Chemistry – GSSA | CGSA departmental meeting | 3/6/2024 | 35 | 300 | 8.5714286 |
| Ziyu Zhou | Computer Science – GSSA | Computer Science Graduate Student Colloquium | 3/4/2024 | 15 | 150 | 10 |
| Ziyu Zhou | Computer Science – GSSA | Computer Science Graduate Student Colloquium | 3/18/2024 | 15 | 150 | 10 |
| Jacob Dixon | Ecology & Evolutionary Biology – GSSA | CREEP Meeting | 3/6/2024 | 20 | 380 | 19 |
| Emma Kainz | Linguistics – GSSA | Ling Writing Workshop | 3/14/2024 | 17 | 170 | 10 |
| Elham Loni | Physics – GSSA | PEP Grads Gathering | 3/1/2024 | 30 | 150 ~~299~~ | 9.9666667 |
| Elham Loni | Physics – GSSA | PEP Grads Gathering | 3/8/2024 | 30 | 150 ~~299~~ | 9.9666667 |
| Elham Loni | Physics – GSSA | PEP Grads Gathering | 3/15/2024 | 30 | 150 ~~270~~ | 9 |
| ~~Elham Loni~~ | ~~Physics – GSSA~~ | ~~PEP Grads Gathering~~ | ~~3/29/2024~~ | ~~30~~ | ~~299~~ | ~~9.9666667~~ |
| Jiachen Shi | Political Science – GSSA | PhD Gathering | 3/19/2024 | 30 | 299 | 9.9666667 |
| Brooke Montgomery | Psychology – GSSA | Psychology Grad Student Yoga | 3/14/2024 | 20 | 250 | 12.5 |
| Maria Casteigne | Psychology – GSSA | Mid-Semester Check-In | 3/20/2024 | 30 | 290 | 9.6666667 |
| Laura Manuel | River-Coastal Science and Engineering – GSSA | RCSE departmental meeting | 3/19/2024 | 20 | 295 | 14.75 |

Motion to vote on all items under $300 as a slate

Seconded

Approved

Fund all items under $300 as a slate

Seconded

Approved

Motion to fund CREEP Meeting for $380?

Seconded

Approved

Motion to move $500 from Entertainment to Prizes and Awards

Seconded

Approved

* 1. Secretary – [secretary.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:secretary.gssa@tulane.edu).
     1. New Representative Transfer Sheets
        1. DGS Changes
        2. Rep changes

1. New Business
   1. GAPSA Senator Report (Shreya, Kierstin, Zach, Paul, Godservice, India)
      1. University Senate seats filled by GAPSA representatives from GSSA:
         1. Shreya Bavishi – Libraries
         2. Kierstin Cousin – Equal Opportunity & Institutional Equity
         3. Shirine Moukaled (WiSE) -- Social Issues
         4. Zachary Plumley – Student Affairs
         5. India Pursell – Physical Facilities
      2. GAPSA Executive Council Elections: 3/20
         1. Do not have to be a GAPSA Assembly Member to run, but must be GAPSA Assembly Member to vote
   2. SLA Grad Studies Committee (Whitney, Jiachen): Nothing to report.
   3. SLA Graduate Representative Report (Xena): Nothing to report; set up meeting with Zach for SLA support
   4. SSE Graduate Representative Report (Elham): Nothing to report
   5. OISS Liaison Report (Godservice)
   6. Grad Council Report (Chase, Julia): Nothing to report
2. Old Business
3. Announcements
4. Adjournment 8:17 PM