GSSA Assembly Meeting

Agenda

7 December 2023 / Zoom (<https://tulane.zoom.us/j/93434362020> )

1. Call to order 6:04 PM
2. Approval of minutes and adoption of agenda Approved as read
3. Guest Speakers
4. Officer Reports
   1. President – [president.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:president.gssa@tulane.edu)
      1. International grad student tax – please fill out survey – Survey will go out soon. Working with OISS to get the answers.
         1. Health insurance may affect your taxes. Check with your department, because HR may not know the different ways that individual departments may operate. HR should still be able to provide insight as to why International Students have specific tax rates.

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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** | **What will be purchased with GSSA Funds?** |
| Kierstin Cousin | Neuroscience – GSSA | (DUNNK) January Meeting | 1/26/2024 | 25 | 250 | 10 | Coffee/ pastries |
| Karam | Physics – GSSA | PEP grads gathering | 1/19/2024 | 25 | 180 | 7.2 | Pizza, Snacks and drinks |
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| Aunindya Jyoti | Chemistry – GSSA | CGSA Departmental Meeting | 1/17/2024 | 35 | 300 | 8.6 | Food and Drinks |
| Sam Hage | Philosophy – GSSA | Aristotle Metaphysics Seminar | 1/10/2024 | 15 | 150 | 10 | Bagels and coffee from Flour Moon bakery for ~15 people |

* 1. Vice President – [vp.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:vp.gssa@tulane.edu)
     1. Fall events summary – Fall mixer, two trivia nights, Open Bayou event. No headshots ($700) happened.
     2. $1,328 surplus rolling over to Spring
     3. Kendall Medford's last meeting as VP – welcome Lovia Feliscar!
  2. Treasurer – [treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu)
     1. Running budget
     2. Dept. expenses – Compile the amount departments asked for, and then how much they spent.
     3. Any questions related to travel funding or reimbursement process?
        1. Any knowledge of when it will be announced?
           1. Before the holidays.
        2. If you didn’t get the full $500 limit, can you reapply again?
           1. No. One and done. But if you couldn’t use the funds for some reason (ie, didn’t attend the conference), then you can reapply.
        3. If you have multiple conferences in a semester, can you apply for both? Or be super specific about what all the funds are for?
           1. Be specific. Can only have one, but check with Jennifer O’Brien-Brown.

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

Seconded

Approved

Motion to fund all items under $300 as a slate

Seconded

Approved

* 1. Secretary – [secretary.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:secretary.gssa@tulane.edu)

1. New Business
   1. GAPSA Senator Report (Shreya, Kierstin, Ekanshu, James, Zach, Paul) – Nothing to report, GAPSA mixer was well-attended.
   2. SLA Graduate Studies Committee Report (Whitney, Jiachen) – Nothing to report
   3. SLA Graduate Representative Report (Xena) - Nothing to report
   4. SSE Graduate Representative Report (Elham) - Nothing to report
   5. OISS Liaison Report (Carolina H.) - Nothing to report
2. Old Business
3. Announcements – Watch out for the survey link about International Grad student taxes as it pertains to taxes.
   1. Spring 2024 meeting dates/times
      1. Thursday 2/1, 6-8pm | LBC 203 (Stibbs)
      2. Thursday 2/29, 6-8pm | Zoom Meeting
      3. Thursday 3/21, 6-8pm | LBC 201 (Race)
      4. Thursday 4/18, 6-8pm | Zoom Meeting
4. Adjournment - 6:45 PM