

GSSA Assembly Meeting

Agenda

27 March 2025 / Zoom

- I. Call to order **6:03**
- II. Approval of minutes and adoption of agenda **Approved as read**
- III. Officer Reports
 - A. President- president.gssa@tulane.edu
 - i. IDGO introduction – JGOT
 1. **Jewish grad students at Tulane organization that is looking for e-board members; if you would like to know more please email Shreya**
 - ii. Elections
 - President: Nom Chase Richard **(Chase is the winner!)**
 - VP **(Jiachen Shi is the winner!)**
 - Treasurer – Nom Cody Woods **(Cody is the winner!)**
 - Secretary- Nom Olivia Shorter **(Olivia secured as sec!!)**
 - iii. Survey-**still working on it**
 - iv. Faculty Mentor Award-**still working on it but also trying to get it announced at commencement**
 - v. Borrowing regalia-**sent out an email for those interested in borrowing regalia form will be open until commencement; Shreya will let everyone know when and where they can be picked up (be on the look out for an email)**
 - B. Vice President – vp.gssa@tulane.edu
 - i. GSSA Rep event – 4th April – 6 PM-**food and drink will be available (alcohol) in the LBC**
 - ii. GSSA spring mixer-sober monitors needed **4/25 VP asking for 2 monitors at Port Orleans**
 - iii. GAPSA Spring mixer-sober monitors needed **4/11 VP asking for 4 sober monitors downtown @7PM at the Fillmore**
 - C. Secretary- secretary.gssaa@tulane.edu
 - i. New GSSA Website feature-Calendar
 1. Subscribe and never miss out on GSSA related news!
 - ii. GSSA concerns link- Tell us your questions and concerns
 - D. Treasurer – treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu
 - i. **Deadline for Summer travel awards is 4/15**
 - ii. **Current Budget: \$6,122.80**

Events up to \$300 for the month

Requestor's Name	Requestor's Department	Event Title	Event Start Date	Estimated # of Attendees and Affiliation	Amount Requested	Per Person (\$)
Emma House	River-Coastal Science and Engineering – GSSA	RCSE Pelican's Game Social	3/30/2025	We have invited our 10 grads, and 4 +1's of grads	\$250	\$17.8
Jiachen Shi	Political Science – GSSA	PhD gathering	4/16/2025	35	\$299	\$8.5
Dichen Wang	Chemistry	CGSA Departmental Meeting	4/2/2025	50	\$300	\$6
Ziyu Zhou	Computer Science – GSSA	Computer Science Graduate Student Colloquia	4/9/2025	15	\$150	\$10

		Computer Science Graduate Student Colloquia	4/23/2025	15	\$150	\$10
Md Asif Hasan	Earth & Environmental Sciences – GSSA	EES Social Night	4/25/2025	22	\$300	\$13.63
				Month Total:	\$1,449	

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India Pursell	Neuroscience – GSSA	DUNNK Meeting - Daniel Lab	4/11/2025	25	\$250	\$10
		Neuroscience PhD Student Spring Social	4/12/2025	25	\$700	\$28
				Total:	\$950	
Naufil Sakran	Mathematics – GSSA	SIAM Graduate Student Colloquium	4/1/2025	25	\$200	\$8
		SIAM Graduate Student Colloquium	4/8/2025	25	\$200	\$8
		SIAM Graduate Student Colloquium	4/22/2025	25	\$200	\$8
				Total:	\$600	
Barbara Lundebjerg	Economics – GSSA	AGES Laser Tag Party	4/10/2025	20 grad students plus up to 5 plus ones	\$800	\$32
				Total:	\$800	
				Month Total:	\$2,350	

Events Approved? **All events approved and funded**

Final Budget: \$2,323.80

New E-board members:

President- **Chase Richard (crichard2@tulane.edu)**

Vice President- **Jiachen Shi (jshi9@tulane.edu)**

Treasurer- **Cody Woods (cwoods7@tulane.edu)**

Secretary- **Olivia Shorter (oshorter@tulane.edu)**

IV. New Business

- A. GAPSA Senator Report- New IDGO Black grad association; mixer needs sober monitors; wave city market new and downtown; don't forget about your \$500 stipend
- B. Graduate Council Report-no meeting
- C. SLA Graduate Studies Committee Report- no meeting but will meet next month
- D. SSE Graduate Representative Report- no meeting
- E. OISS Liaison Report

V. Old Business

VI. Announcements

- A. Rep transition sheets will be sent out and need to be turned in by next meeting 4/24
- B. Students concerned about reimbursement will pass concern on to Jennifer O'Brien Brown
- C. Tulane Global and the Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) are committed to supporting Tulane's international community.
We invite all Tulane students, scholars, faculty, and staff to an in-person information session to discuss resources available to our community, including resources of particular interest to our immigrant and international community members. This session will provide updates on immigration policies and existing guidance and answer pressing questions.
Date: Tuesday, April, 1
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Location: Room 357, Tulane Law School (6329 Freret St.)- Courtesy of Barbara Lundebjerg
- D. If you're registered to vote in Louisiana, I wanted to encourage you to go out and vote in the election on Saturday, March 29th – essentially this election is to approve/deny new amendments to LA's state constitution. Amendment #2 would dissolve the LA board of Governors Research Trust – this board is funding at least one of Tulane's fMRI research grants, so dissolving the board would mean this grant money would be lost. Overall, the proposed amendment results in defunded research money in addition to removing non-profit taxable status from schools and hospitals. As much as I would strongly encourage you to DENY the second amendment, I also wanted to point you in the direction of this non-partisan voting guide by PAR Louisiana
<https://parlouisiana.org/publications/guide-to-the-constitutional-amendments/>
Please share with anyone you know who is registered to vote in Louisiana and please go out and vote to protect our research funds! -Courtesy of Gabby Blahusiak
- E. Crawfest is 4/5 tickets for admission are \$20 for non-Tulane students

VII. Adjournment 6:58PM