

GSSA Assembly Meeting

Agenda

October 30th, 2025 LBC 203 (Stibbs)

- I. Call to order **6:09 begin**
- II. Approval of minutes and adoption of agenda **seconded and passed**
- III. Officer Reports
 - A. President – president.gssa@tulane.edu
 1. Survey Result
 - a) **Previous president Shreya did a survey- presenting the result**
 - b) **Only about 50% of students have work-life balance, but majority of students have burnout.**
 - c) **the big results are a lot of financial instability and mental health issues. Calls for better healthcare, stipend, and safer transport**
 - d) **Comments from group**
 - (1) **OGPS programming- the trainings are interesting but its tricky to do with classes, is it possible to have professors and classes be aware about OGPS and promote them, give extra credit.**
 - (2) **Can emails be more concise or one off- would be easier to read, maybe 3 day prior reminder for workshops. Or don't send at the same time as newsletters and do it on like Tuesday**
 - e) **Thank you Shreya!**
 2. CAPS Counseling and Psychological services wants to be more involved with us
 - a) **QPR- also mental health training certificates**
 - b) **Mental Health first aid Certificate 2 hour self pace online**
 - c) **Possibly making a mental health committee would have GSSA/CAPS representatives for feedback**
 - B. Vice President – vp.gssa@tulane.edu
 1. **Survey to ask about event types that you would want to see**
 2. **Next event is going to be golf event in mid november**
 - C. Secretary – secretary.gssa@tulane.edu
 1. Discussion of anti-hazing
 - D. Treasurer – treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu
 1. Event Requests
 - a) **Discussion of comparison of department spending**

- b) We are at 4,613 funded, leaves us with 5,914 for next semester
- 2. Travel Reimbursements-
 - a) Updating direct deposits and addresses- some thing have been getting sent to wrong addresses so just double check things are up to date
- 3. Tax Exemption Process!
 - a) You can get tax exemption status- Tulane has it for many things. Include the federally accepted code- which is ADD HERE.
 - b) Peter says you fill out forms, you should ask your department finance person, show the form to the vendors and they will remove. Not every restaurant accepts it.
- 4. State of Funding
 - a) Events per department breakdown
- 5. Travel Funding December 15th, 5pm

Events up to \$300

Requestor's Name	Requestor's Department	Event Title	Event Start Date	Estimated # of attendees & Affiliation	Amount Requested	Per Person \$
Luisa Zavala	Neuroscience	DUUNK meeting	11/7	25-30	250	\$8.33

Passed and funded

Total for all under \$300 events **\$250**

Events over \$300 (per department) or price per person over \$11

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Naufil Sakran	Math	SIAM Graduate Student Colloquium	11/4/2025	25	200	\$8
Naufil Sakran	Math	SIAM Graduate student colloquium	11/18/2025	25	200	\$8
Rex Fan	Psychology	Colloquium student lunch	11/7/2025	30	280	\$9.33
Rex Fan	Psychology	End of semester break lunch	11/21/2025	30	290	\$9.66
Harper Lyon	Computer Science	CSGSC Movie Night	11/5/2025	15	230	\$15.33
Dichen Wang	Chemistry	CGSA Departmental Meeting	11/5/2025	50	380	\$7.6
Dichen Wang	Chemistry	CGSA Departmental Meeting	12/3/2025	50	380	7.6
Hailee Corbin	Art History	November Get together	11/19/2025	16	198.1	12.38
Miller Dickerson	Biomedical Engineering	BME Annual BBQ	11/14/2025	45 grad students and faculty/staff	1380	\$30.67

All events funded Total for events over \$300--- **\$3,575.103**

TOTAL events spending if funded **\$3,825.10** this would leave us with **2088.9** left for the final section of the semester

IV. New Business

A. GAPSA Senator Report

1. **Listened to new gapsa advisor Mimi, discussed safety, communication downtown uptown campus,**

B. Graduate Council Report

1. **N/A no meeting**

C. SLA Graduate Studies Committee Report

1. **Approved general sociology MA, also approved some new courses, no university policy on AI, department based policy.**
2. **We have another slot for SLA graduate studies committee, need a person there**

D. SSE Graduate Representative Report

1. **N/A**

E. OISS Liaison Report

1. **Getting up to speed, no specific feedback**

V. Old Business

VI. Announcements

- a. **Three Minute thesis coming up- was supposed to be november 6th, but changed to January? We will update**
- b. **Chase from New Orleans Pelicans - discounts for university associates,**
 - i. **You can do events with discounted tickets**
- c. **Representative appreciation - what kinds of things would you like to see**

VII. Adjournment

7:40 adjournment