

GSSA Assembly Meeting

Agenda

September 25, 2025

- I. Call to order begin 6:11
- II. Approval of minutes and adoption of agenda
 - A. Motion and approved
- III. Michael Cunningham
 - A. Associate provost in OGPS (office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)- does periodic reviews and deals with graduate academic issues. Because graduate student do not have their own school his department OGPS is the place to go with issues. Ryan Stivers is the career advisor whom everyone can talk to. Same for Lauren
 - B. OGPS does monthly donut days in the library!
 - C. Michael was also very involved in helping SLA with the stipend increase and full coverage of insurance for TAs.
- IV. Ben Griffith
 - A. Assistant Director of the Recognized Student Organizations, office in the LBC. Role is to oversee holistic student experience for graduates and undergraduates.
 - B. Job to make sure graduate school organizations are recognized, such as GSSA. Around 160 graduate student organizations that are not recognized- goal is to create individual recognition for consistent understanding of organization activities and to make sure in alignment with Title IX and VI
 1. This is currently on the place of wavesync making individual webpages for individual graduate organizations- aka each grad organization will fill out a form and Ben's office will create a page.
 - a) Change for students, to do events you will go through your independent organization page rather than just GSSA to represent, such as CREEP. This is *not* students creating webpages, but we will have to manage our pages.
 - b) They will be sending out forms to every graduate student council to fill out the name and basic contact information.
 2. This is a current change, with a loose deadline of end of fall semester, but very loose.
- V. Officer Reports
 - A. President – president.gssa@tulane.edu
 1. Three minute thesis, November 6th LBC
 - a) Not officially released, OGPS and GSSA cohost, open to any graduate student in final year of dissertation research.

2. Tulane Innovation Institute

- a) Chase speaking on behalf of the Tulane Innovation Institute
- b) Department mentors and supports students, provide funding research and mentorship in the Tulane community.
- c) Open MIC (medical innovation ???) night october 28th
- d) Open season for business ideas, applications open October 8th.
- e) Tulane innovation day March 11th
- f) TRICS Tulane Research Innovation and Creativity Summit April 14-16

B. Vice President – vp.gssa@tulane.edu

1. Discussion of sober monitors roles

- a) Upcoming Mixer!! Scheduled for October 10th, starting 5-8 but to get approved we need 5 sober monitors. The only role is to show up and not drink. Ratio is 1-50
 - (1) Keara sparks
 - (2) William coronel
 - (3) Hannah Eismann
 - (4) Abby Coldwell

C. Secretary – secretary.gssa@tulane.edu

D. Treasurer – treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu

1. Discussion of deadlines

- a) Reminder for rules for applying for events. Within the window of two meetings- the next two are 10/30, 12/04
- b) Current amount remaining \$8,840

Events up to \$300

Requestor's Name	Requestor's Department	Event Title	Event Start Date	Estimated # of attendees & Affiliation	Amount Requested	Per Person \$
Dichen Wang	Chemistry	CGSA Department Meeting	10/1/2025	50	300	6
Miller Dickerson	Biomedical Engineering	BME Pool & Football Party	10/19/2025	30	285	9.5

Shehbaz Ahmad ALREADY APPROVED last meeting, the event got moved, no need to reapply for funding just change dates on wavesync	Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering	Monthly Grad Students Get together	10/10/2025	30	300	10
Isabel Emond	Philosophy Department	Graduate student colloquium (and new student welcome)	10/17/2025	25	250	10
Hailee Gorbin	Art History	HNOG Excursion	10/24/2025	16 people	300	18.75 per person

Total for all under \$300 events ~~\$1,435 CHANGED~~ \$1,135 motion to vote as a slate passed and all approved and funded

Events over \$300 or price per person over \$11

Requestor's Name	Requestor's Department	Event Title	Event Start Date	Estimated # of attendees & Affiliation	Amount Requested	Per Person \$
Rex Fan	Psychology	Graduate Student Lunch	9/26/2025	30	200	6.6
Rex Fan	Psychology	Grad Student Lunch	10/25/2025	20	190	9.5
Ashley West	Psychology	Grad	10/17/2025	30	250	8.3

		Student Lunch				
Ashley West	Psychology	Grad Student Lunch	10/29/2025	30	130	4.3
William Coronel	River-Coastal Science and Engineering	RCSE Social Gathering	10/24/2025	22	300	13.6
Hannah Eisman	Ecology & Evolutionary Biology – GSSA	CREEP Meeting (October)	10/8/2025	25	370	11
Naufil Sakran	Mathematics	Graduate Student Colloquium	10/7/2025	25	200	8
Naufil Sakran	Mathematics	SIAM Graduate Colloquium	10/21/2025	25	200	8
Hailee Corbin	Art History	HNOC Excursion	10/24/2025	16 people	300	18.75 per person

Total for all events over \$300 **\$1,810 = all total \$2945**
All events funded except for Psychology 10/29/25 for \$130.

VI. New Business

1.

- A. We need one GAPSA senator to be a freedom committee member
 - 1. Hannah Eisman will be the member on that
- B. Graduate Council 2 (1 SSE, 1 SLA – 2nd Wednesday at 8:30, mostly on Zoom)
 - 1. Isabel Emond SLA- Ashley West for SSE
- C. SLA Graduate Studies Committee -2
 - 1. Clare Gucwa and Hailee Corbin
- D. SSE Graduate Representative -1
 - 1. Cyrus Kalugana
- E. OISS Liaison -1
 - 1. Olumide Alonge

F. Honor Board volunteers (technically, includes all GSSA reps): SLA and SSE 2 each.

1. Jorge Parada - SSE
2. Harper Lyon- SSE
3. Osy Okpokpa -SLA
4. Swanny Jurczak -SLA

G. Faculty Award Committee – 4 members (6 hrs/ year)

1. William coronel
2. Luisa Zavala-Rodriguez
3. Mikayla Stormo Dolge
4. Daniel Stearman

H. Finance Committee -4

1. Chenxi Li
2. Riyaj Ahmad
3. Dichen Wang
4. Isabel nichoson

I. Event Committee -3

1. William coronel
2. Mikayla Stormo Dolge
3. Keara Sparks

J. Legislative Committee -4

1. Luisa Zavala-Rodriguez
2. Corey rosen
3. carlie Epstein
4. Isabel nichoson

2.

A. Report from GAPSA

- a. Mixer coming up on October 24th, they also need sober monitors.

B. Report from Graduate Council

- a. Went over the stats for incoming students

3. William Coronel said that you can get a tax reduction when ordering food for Tulane event because it is through the university- Cody and Chase will get some more information about this

4. Question from assembly asking if it would be possible to keep a running tally of money each department has used each semester.

V. Old Business

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment 7:51

