

GSSA Assembly Meeting
 Agenda
 Jan 29, 2026 zoom

- I. Call to order **6:05**
- II. Approval of minutes and adoption of agenda **Approved and adopted**
- III. Studio Art **not present, delayed until next meeting**
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. President – president.gssa@tulane.edu
 - 1. 3MT **Three Minute thesis went well, reminder we provide the prize fund**
 - 2. **Please submit the anti-hazing module 2 proof of completion, for the next assembly meeting if departments have representatives who have not completed the form you will not have events on the agenda, and reimbursement packets will be withheld until completion.**
 - 3. Our next meeting overlaps with GAPSA (Thursday Feb 26th) which we have multiple members required to be at both. A vote to change the date as either Wednesday 25 or friday 27, voted majority for wednesday
 - B. Vice President – vp.gssa@tulane.edu
 - 1. Brief update about the events, still waiting for GAPSA list before confirming our dates
 - C. Treasurer – treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu
 - 1. January 29th (online), ~~Feb 26th (online)~~, Feb 25th, online March 19, and April 23 (in person, Stibbs)
 - D. Secretary – secretary.gssa@tulane.edu

Departments Under 300 or \$11 per person

Luisa Zavala	Neuroscience	DUNNK February Meeting	2/27/2026	30	250	8.33
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Neuroscience funded

Departments Over 300 or \$11 per person

Dichen Wang	Chemistry	CGSA Departmental Meeting	2/4/2026	50	380	7.7
Naufil Sakran	Mathematics	Siam Graduate Student Colloquium	2/3/2026	25	200	8
Naufil Sakran	Mathematics	Siam Graduate Student Colloquium	2/24/2026	25	200	8
Hannah Eiseman	Ecology & Evolutionary Biology – GSSA	CREEP Meeting (February)	2/25/2026	25	373	14.92
Jordan Lopez	Economics	AGES Meeting	2/17/2026	27	460	17.03

All voted and funded!

V. New Business

A. GAPSA Senator Report

1. Nothing to report

B. Graduate Council Report

1. **Number of new programs passed sociology masters and 4+1 doctors business admin, masters business analytics and AI. Discussion around the admissions process, making GRE optional- up to the school. Background checks are now mandatory not just for PhDs but masters as well, discussion of at what point does the committee get notified, proposal to do admissions blind and find out after the offer (still in discussion)**

C. SLA Graduate Studies Committee Report

1. **No report**

D. SSE Graduate Representative Report

1. **No report**

E. OISS Liaison Report

1. **Advisory board coming up with lots of surveys, hoping GSSA could distribute the survey more. Trying to make an advisory board for housing and information to make a guideline for**

international students. Trying to make some ambassadors for regional communities (for example Rex Fan is the one for China) if you want to be the advisor/representatives for graduate students coming from your region/country to be a touchstone, please reach out to rex at qfan3@tulane.edu

- a) He will provide more information in the next meeting
2. Support services like are open to students like KISS management open to graduate and some programs that include international students coming up- still choosing dates- but more information to follow

V. Old Business

VI. Announcements

1. **OGPS received information on the surveys and our opinions on the newsletter and other things, they were receptive, now newsletters from them on Tuesdays.**
2. **New career advisor/professional development advisor in OGPS starts next week- eventually we will bring her in. she will be mostly with masters students, as well as OGPS**
3. **PLEASE submit anti-hazing module 2**
4. **Question about travel award,**
 - a. **'evidence about deposit form being submitted, what does that mean?'**
 - i. **Answer from Cody- The way you get reimbursed is different than tulane payroll- 2 ways to fill it out, if you don't fill it out then you get it by mail OR you can fill out the direct deposit form**
 - ii. **We have had some students not fill out direct deposit and not check mail, so make sure you know which way you will be reimbursed**
 - b. **Could one give the approval of the award as pdf so that students don't have to give the award as screenshot?**
 - i. **Isabel saying you could download the email as a pdf**
 - ii. **GSSA doesn't have full control over the award/submission rubric, matched with other offices**
5. **Chase currently working on rubric for faculty awards, faculty award committee look out for a meeting!**

VII. Adjournment 6:58

