

GSSA Assembly Meeting  
Agenda  
Feb 25th, 2026 zoom

- I. Call to order **6:05**
- II. Approval of minutes and adoption of agenda **approved and seconded**
- III. Studio Art
  - A. Emma Sarver here as a proxy for Hope. This is the studio art masters program reapplying to be a part of GSSA**
- IV. Officer Reports
  - A. Secretary – [secretary.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:secretary.gssa@tulane.edu)
    1. Welcome newcomers!
    2. Please get in your anti-hazing!!
    3. March 19, and April 23 (in person, Stibbs)
      - a) At our next meeting we will be voting for eboard, and start thinking about passing on the role of representative for next academic year**
  - B. President – [president.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:president.gssa@tulane.edu)
    1. April 12 Regalia loan
      - a) Students in graduate school (MA and PhD) can rent regalia through us. We have cap, gown, tassels etc. Reach out to Chase about any of this information (1) April 12 deadline for renting regalia**
    2. Faculty Award!
      - a) Started the nomination! Opened last week, he will send information to representative listserv and perhaps elsewhere.**
      - b) Anyone can submit a nomination, then the committee will choose one from SLA and SSE. Winning department will get \$500 for the departmental achievement.**
      - c) It can be letter or pdf, word or in email body.**
      - d) No current deadline, but around the second week of April, will be updated later.**
    3. GSSA E-board nominations open!
      - a) Survey forms will be sent out in email, deadline is March 17th (2 days prior to our next meeting).**
      - b) We will be voting/discussing on March 19th.**
  - C. Vice President – [vp.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:vp.gssa@tulane.edu)
    - 1. Spring Mixer! April 10th, Friday!**
    - 2. Bowling, can have 30 students, voted on the date for it, choose April 4th**

**3. Go to donut day tomorrow!**

D. Treasurer – [treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu)

1. Accounting Blackout Dates

a) Feb 27-April 12

**(1) There is a black out on reimbursement for travel during this time period :( it is a cross university switch over on systems, so they will still be reimbursed but after April 12**

**(2) Events should be okay, but as always please try and put this on department cards and not on your person information- TNE cards not affected during this time**

**(3) Question on travel funding,**

**(a) people getting back from events during this time should you submit reimbursements during the black out or wait?**

**(b) Answer: Still submit them during this time, it will just take a while to process them.**

**2. In the next couple of weeks we will be getting the budget for next year, so treasurers committee keep your eyes out for an email to meet and discuss the next budget allocations**

Departments Under 300 or \$11 per person

Leah Chen	History	Coffee and Pastries at City Park	2/28/2026	12	125	10.41
Naufil Sakran	Mathematics	Siam Graduate Student Colloquium	3/10/2026	25	200	8

**All events funded**

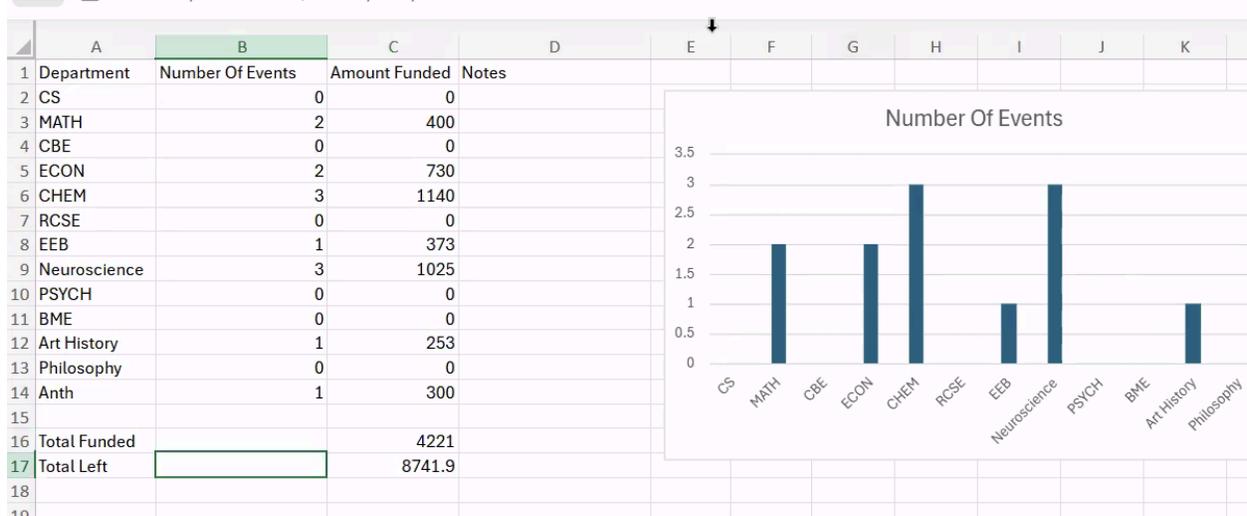
Departments Over 300 or \$11 per person

Qiran(Rex) Fan	Psychology	Friday Grad Student Lunch	3/13/2026	32	300	9.38
Ashley West	Psychology	Grad Student	3/6/2026	30	275	9.16

		Lunch				
Cirus Kalugana	Earth and Environmental Sciences - GSSA	EES Departmental Dinner	3/13/2026	20	290	14.5
Nahum Villamil Garces	Spanish & Portuguese	Spanish & Portuguese Meet up	3/6/2026	15	180	12
Augustine Nwokoye	RCSE	RCSE Social Gathering	3/19/2026	22	298	13.53
Abby Coldwell	Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	CREEP meeting	3/19/2026	25	373	14.92
Keara Sparks	Linguistics and Anthropology	ANTH and LING Breakfast Party	3/12/2026	20	345	17.25
Dichen Wang	Chemistry	CGSA Departmental Meeting	3/4/2026	50	380	7.6

All events funded! \$2766 total funded

Someone asked about total funded events prior to this, only for this semester (not including fall), screenshot below about the departments/amount funded each prior to this time period. Which means after today's funding there is \$5,975 left for event funds this semester



V. New Business

A. GAPSA Senator Report

1. **Joint meeting with tulane undergraduate assembly, talked about plans for certain offices, like internal affairs 'greenprint plan' to get more community involvement. Also talked to shuttles and transportation, they became their own entity than parking, looking to improve services. Office of academic excellence also looking to be more involved in the community.**
  2. **GAPSA also looking to hire new e-board**
- B. Graduate Council Report
1. **Ashley West: last meeting talked about new programs and they are switching how we are being refunded, could affect how we are getting stipend (just system wise). Switch happening this weekend, so for conferences and everything it may take a bit longer for a short time period.**
- C. SLA Graduate Studies Committee Report
1. **Clare Gucwa: met last month and main thing is soon will have a gender/sexuality studies certificate option requires 2 theory and 3 elective classes, will discuss this further in next meeting**
- D. SSE Graduate Representative Report
1. **nothing**
- E. OISS Liaison Report
1. International Showcase
    - a) **Will be held Thursday April 2nd to celebrate cultural diversity and one of the largest events for international office. If you want to book a table and discuss your culture, then please reach out! Justin can give some more information. Please stop by to discuss and celebrate**
    - b) **The International Showcase will be held on Thursday, April 2 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the LBC, Room 213 (Kendall Cram). It is an opportunity to showcase Tulane's vibrant and unique community through cultural exhibits, crafts, and food. The afternoon will be full of fun and activities, so we can all celebrate and enjoy our different cultures. All students are welcome to attend and participate.**
  2. Challenges Faced by International Students with Dependents Survey
    - a) **Challenges Faced by International Students Living with Dependents Survey: OISS & ISAB would like to learn more about the international student experience of**

living in the United States with dependents. Please also share this through GSSA as well:

[https://tulane.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bpkQcmgdGnIGiYC](https://tulane.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bpkQcmgdGnIGiYC)

**3. Still looking for regional ambassadors**

a) If you are interested reach out to rfan4@tulane.edu

b) Is this reimbursed? Time limit?

(1) Not a position, not paid, just asking if you are willing to let people know that you are a grad student in this region and allow others to connect to you. It can be for as long/short as you would like, no need to attend meetings just a position out.

**V. Old Business**

1. Cirus was put on a committee and has never heard from them SSE- Chase will reach out and see what happened

**VI. Announcements**

1. **GAPSA application is still open closes on the 28th this Saturday. Shreya is the GAPSA president, currently there are no nominees for anyone from GSSA!**

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=g4HpndkIE0ufw03ISJwfO3DkgbL5Gx9Pu0-spZCETa5UQ0wyUTFJVFdLOUJDNFNBME1NNFg3S1VDRI4u&route=shorturl>

2. Presenting the GSSA survey we completed last year at the GAPSA meeting tomorrow.
3. Donut day tomorrow! Second floor graduate student wing tomorrow!

**VII. Adjournment 7:20**

