

GSSA Assembly Meeting

Agenda

March 19, 2026 and Boggs Hall room 240

- I. Call to order **6:11**
- II. Approval of minutes and adoption of agenda **Approved and adopted**
- III. Officer Reports
 - A. Vice President – vp.gssa@tulane.edu
 1. **There will be a new event coming up, Bowling on April 4th**
 2. **Spring mixer Friday April 10th, 5pm-8pm we need sober monitors, 3 people and event at Port Orleans,**
 - a) jcummings3@tulane.edu
 - b) hlyon@tulane.edu
 - c) jlopez16@tulane.edu
 - B. Treasurer – treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu
 - C. Secretary – secretary.gssa@tulane.edu
 1. Forms for new representatives
 - a) **The secretary will send out forms, start thinking about/making the transition so that our next meeting can be training for the new representatives**
 2. Final meeting this semester April 23 (in person, Stibbs)
 - D. President – president.gssa@tulane.edu
 - a) **Faculty mentor awards, only received like 4-5 total. Reminder that they can be from any student in the department, do not need to be from a representative! Send it over, only received 1 SSE so if you want your \$500 department reward April 14th is the deadline for nominating someone**
 - b) **Regalia: free renting regalia for PhD and masters students who are graduating this semester, deadline april 12 to sign up**
 - c) **Voting on new E-Board we had no nominations prior to our meeting, all nominations and voting happened within the meeting**
 - d) **Nomination for secretary position: Keara Sparks from Linguistics nominated by Haiwei (incoming representative) and accepted the nomination.**
 - (1) **Voted and is confirmed our new Secretary**
 - e) **Treasurer Nominations:**

(1) Nomination for Jordan Lopez from Economy, he accepts

(a) Voted our new Treasurer

f) Vice-President Nominations: Mitch Nuland from Political Science nominated by Jason Bedolla

(1) Accepted the nominations and voted in Mitch

g) President Nominations: Carlie Epstein nominated accepted and voted in as our new president!

Events under \$300

Requestor's Name	Requestor's Department	Event Title	Event Start Date	Estimated # of attendees & Affiliation	Amount Requested	Per person
Daniel Garcia	Political Science	Poli-Sci Luncheon	4/3/2026	30 total	299	9.96

Voted and funded

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

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Abby Coldwell	Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	CREEP meeting	3/19/2026	25	373	14.92
Naufil Sakran	Mathematics	Graduate Student Colloquium	3/31/2026	25	200	8
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Dichen Wang	Chemistry	CGSA Departmental Meeting	4/1/2026	50	380	7.6
Keara Sparks	Linguistics	Tulane	4/11/2026	70+	916.87	13

		Conference of Linguistics (T-CoL)				
Augustine Nwokoye	RCSE	RCSE Picnic	4/17/2026	17	403	23
Cirus Kalugana	Earth and Environmental Sciences	Game Night (Bowling)	4/17/2026	15	300	20
Luisa Zavala	Neuroscience	DUNNK March	3/20/2026	30	290	
Luisa Zavala	Neuroscience	DUNNK April	4/10/2026	30	250	
John Argentine	Mathematics	Math For All	4/10/2026	undergraduate/graduate students and faculty (Tulane and other New Orleans colleges);	600	N/A
Amelia Saad	Psychology	Colloquium Lunch	3/20/2026	25-50	500	10

All events passed and funded

Math applied for honorarium/travel funding for a guest speaker, separate category than event funding, voted on and discussed the set up for this. GSSA has funding for 3 speakers/honorariums per semester.

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Voted and confirmed for math

IV. New Business

A. GAPSA Senator Report

1. All around the world and voted on their e-board. Tickets live tomorrow. Republic nola again, 7-10pm

2. **Shuttles and transportation will have a meeting with some upcoming updates**

B. Graduate Council Report

1. **No minutes from March, from Feb is university wide push to expand 4+1 programs which is the primary objective. New programs are MS in business analytics replaced by business analytics and AI. SSE 4+1 in chemistry passed. And 4+1 in cell and molecular biology. RCSE 4+1 passed. A larger discussion that many 4+1 programs don't say that students must take 6000+ level classes so writing this into the requirements.**

C. SLA Graduate Studies Committee Report

1. **Hailee- new course transnational feminism, graduate course, MS in philosophy and bio-ethics which has a 4+1 and standalone ms. initial discussion in revision in masters and dissertation writing course, there will be some change in the mechanics for applying/taking the course. Possible requirement to be ABD by end of year 4 for all dissertation programs being implemented. There also was a larger discussion about getting rid of versus keeping an application fee. At the end was possibly reducing to \$20, if you remove it entirely then you get bots and spam applying, so keeping some payment to reduce that chance**

D. SSE Graduate Representative Report

1. **n/a**

E. OISS Liaison Report

1. **International Showcase april 2nd, also registering for volunteers extended until tomorrow, so you can still volunteer. The minutes will be sent with the minutes from this event.**

V. Old Business

VI. Announcements

Crawfest April 18th

VII. Adjournment **8:03**

