

GSSA Assembly Meeting
Agenda
December 4th on zoom

- I. Call to order **6:03**
- II. Approval of minutes and adoption of agenda **approved**
- III. Jennifer O'Brien-Brown
 - A. Discussing the benefits that OGPS (office of graduate and professional studies) asking if there are better ways that they can communicate with us.**
 - B. Drink tickets- There is nothing against drinking in GSSA bylaws, it just is really complicated and expensive.**
 - C. Currently events getting approved at a private residence is not very common, it usually does not happen unless there is no way that it can happen on campus or at an off campus location. If the event is at a private residence you cannot have or serve alcohol.**
- IV. ~~Studio Art!~~ **not present at this time, will look at them rejoining again later**
- V. Officer Reports
 - A. President – president.gssa@tulane.edu
 - 1. Will discuss the RSO (Registered Student Organizations) having wavesync pages
 - a) **Ben will reach out to each department about having your organizations details and information on wavesync with the student organization governing board online and the events that you host will be online, with the constitution and everything listed on their own page.**
 - b) **Went through each department to get the name of their RSOs, for those who did not know, please email the secretary after the meeting**
 - B. Vice President – vp.gssa@tulane.edu **Stay tuned! Will try and do career panel and fun events next semester**
 - C. Treasurer – treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu
 - 1. **Event request reimbursements due December 4th! All December and Jan events will be tacked onto next semester, please get those in as quickly as you can**
 - 2. **Travel funding for Spring 2026 the deadline for applications is December 15th, decisions will come within the next two weeks**
 - D. Secretary – secretary.gssa@tulane.edu
 - 1. Dates for next semester January 29th (online), Feb 26th (online), March TBD, and April 23 (in person, Stibbs)
 - 2. Upcoming deadlines

- a) Please send me Module 2 completion
- b) Please send me the names of associated RSO
- c) December 15th the Travel Funding Deadline

Events under \$300

Requestor's Name	Requestor's Department	Event Title	Event Start Date	Estimated # of attendees & Affiliation	Amount Requested	Per Person \$
Swanny Jurczak	Anthropology	End of Semester Social Gathering	12/12/2025	35	300	8.57
Jordan Lopez	Economics	AGES Meeting	1/13/2026	27	270	10

Total for events under \$300 is \$570 **All events passed**
 Departments Over 300 or \$11 per person

Luisa Zavala	Neuroscience	DUNNK December	12/5/2025	30	200	6.66
Luisa Zavala	Neuroscience	Neuroscience Fall Social	12/5/2025	15	575	38.33
Aine Powers	Art History	Welcome Back Lunch	1/17/2026	15	253.5	16.90

Dichen Wang	Chemistry	CGSA Departme ntal Meeting	1/14/2026	50	380	7.60
Augustine Nwokoye	RCSE	RCSE ROck and Bowl		18	262.90	14.60

Total for all events over \$300 ~~\$1,408~~ = all total \$1,978

We funded \$8091.10 for the semester and we have \$2435.90 left, which rolls over into Spring, budget (\$10,527)

All original events passed.

RCSE submitted their event previous to this window of applications and so was not added to this block of events, however the event is in January. The assembly voted to add the RCSE event into the agenda, then passed to vote and approved funding for their event.

VI. New Business

- A. New SLA member **Isabel Emond will be volunteering for this role because she has not heard from the graduate council which she volunteered for, Clare says the council mentioned the committee had an event, and seems like Ashley has been going to meetings but Isabel isn't on the list. Chase will see if the dean can add her back onto the list again. If Isabel isn't the new member then Aine Powers says she will be on the council**
- B. GAPSA Senator Report
 1. **Jiachen gave a presentation on the data on graduate students work preferences after graduation, then discussion on proceedings following this, mostly moving forward with doing a career panel. Also assistant vice president for strategy and engagement in student affairs Bryan Hubain came in to introduce himself. Graduate Students don't have access to tutoring but do have access to writing center, he is working to give better access to everyone.**
- C. Graduate Council Report
 1. **Discussed writing center, must schedule specifically for graduate students, it doesn't say it on the list. Another meeting next week.**

- D. SLA Graduate Studies Committee Report
 - 1. **Approved new courses, reach out to Clare if interested but they are the ones out for next semester**
- E. SSE Graduate Representative Report
 - 1. **Nothing to report**
- F. OISS Liaison Report
 - 1. **Have an upcoming meeting, currently nothing to report**

V. Old Business

Three Minute Thesis did get postponed, coming up in Jan.

VI. Announcements

1. **Students from CBE raised the notification that a couple of times this semester they requested wavesync approval more than three weeks before the event time, and wavesync responses were super delayed this semester that they were unable to approval for the events and had to cancel the event and not use the funding (that had been previously approved by GSSA assembly)**
 - a. **a couple of students in other departments have also had this problem.**
 - b. **The advice is put more comments on the event form and also to reach out to the specific person assigned to your case over email.**
 - c. **If this happens or your event has to be moved for any other reason (rain for outside event etc) and you have to do rescheduling in wavesync if you have already gotten GSSA funding you do not need to reply for GSSA money- if it is the same event you can use the funding at the rescheduled date.**
2. **Someone got their event rejected on wavesync because they were doing an event in a bar and didn't know how to guarantee that there was not going to be drinking alcohol other than word of mouth.**
 - a. **Jiachen ran into the same problem for the golf event and just provided sober monitors for the event**
 - i. **Reminder sober monitors only job is to not drink, if all of your people are not drinking already then no problem! Just fill out the forms**
 - b. **Chase also recommends reaching out to the location you are having the event and having them provide a statement saying they will not serve your group alcohol**

VII. Adjournment **7:32**