GSSA Assembly Meeting Agenda
October 21st, 2026 / LBC, Stibbs

I. Call to order
II. Approval of minutes and adoption of agenda
III. Officer Reports
    A. President – president.gssa@tulane.edu
        1. **Dr. Jay Darr** - Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs; Campus Health + Wellness - Three months at Tulane, “who are we, what do we do?” - campus rec (up and down), psych services, health services, pharmacy, and health promotions. But how can they support grad students? He wants feedback!
            a) Not enough space in Reily for grad students; what are they doing about that? Dr. Darr says that there is expansion ideas and to stay tuned for more
            b) Positive experience getting medication, and shout out to the pharmacists
            c) Health Portal is weird and hard to use; better way to track
            d) Overworking the call center people and a little bit of chaos
            e) Tulane shuttle too limited now
            f) Lack of Psych resources (psychiatrists especially)
            g) We need improved prejudice training for our medical staff; multiple instances of problems for POC students
                (1) The difficulty to talk about racial justice and prejudice on this campus.
            h) Undergrads need help with attention spans!!!!!
            i) Technical difficulties on access, despite paying for T-Ship and everything
            j) Not clear what grad students are able to access and what they’re not, including more communication on what events are available to do (event calendar? Grad student resources page?) - ANSWER: any service is available to grad students, and what IS the best way to communicate with grad students? Opt-In text messages? Insta page?
            k) FOOD HELP FOR GRAD STUDENTS!!!! Free (425 Free Food) Swipe Hunger is only 6 per a semester, unfair. Feed the grad students
        2. Alcohol Reimbursement - We can NOT reimburse personal cards for alcohol (debit,credit,paypal, blockchain, whatever)
        3. Surveys - anonymous survey coming in that will ask about your job situation to make a resource for grad students to know who supports our schedules (no personal info attached to these responses) and another survey on creating headshot days - send these surveys to your departments. This is for everyone, helping our fellow grad students
    B. Vice President – vp.gssa@tulane.edu

1. Annual mixer (Port Orleans) - November 13th, 5-8 - time to approve the itemized budget. Very similar to past years, great to intermingle between the departments (we're so separated :( ) - are we overlapping with the GAPSA event? (they're supposed to be on the 9th, but need to clarify so we don't conflict) - APPROVED

C. Treasurer – treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu
D. Secretary – secretary.gssa@tulane.edu
    1. Reminders - Hazing Training and Department Numbers (if no one in your department can tell you, go above their heads if you need to).

Funding event request guidelines- all funding requests **must be submitted by 11:59 PM 4 full days before the next scheduled GSSA Meeting**; you can only make requests for events planned for the upcoming month (events in between 2 meetings)

Questions to answer when you introduce an event

1. Introduce yourself and your department
2. What is the event?
3. What will the funds pay for?
4. Will your department offer partial funding?

Events under $300 or under $11 per person - PASSED

Requestor's Name	Requestor's Department	Event Title	Event Start Date	Estimated # of attendees & Affiliation	Amount Requested	Per Person $
Tofunmi Fatimilehin	Chemistry	CGSA Departmental Meeting	11/4/2026	43	$300	$6.97
Isabel Nichoson	Neuroscience	DUNNK Meeting	11/6/2026	30	$275	$9.17

Events over $300 or over $11 per person

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Ashley West	Psychology	Grad Student Colloquium Lunch	10/23/2026	36	$335.02	$9.31
Ashley West	Psychology	Grad Student Colloquium Lunch	11/13/2026	36	$286.61	$7.96
Kaetlyn Rodriguez	Earth & Environmental Sciences	Back to ZOO Event	10/24/2026	15	$150	$10

Brooke Rodriguez	Earth & Environmental Sciences	EES Grad Student Meeting	11/11/2026	16	$156.04	$9.75
Arielle Efotte	Biomedical Engineering	BME/BIOI Fall Soiree	11/6/2026	50	$2,534.4	$50.69
Naufil Sakran	Mathematics	Graduate Student Colloquium	11/3/2026	25	$250	$10
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Sepideh Khelili	Physics	Social Gathering	10/30/2026	32	$250	$7.81
Sepideh Khelili	Physics	Departmental Outdoor Gathering	11/20/2026	32	$550	$17.19
Abby Coldwell	Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	CREEP Meeting	11/4/2026	30	$485	$16.17
Peiran Luo	Economics	AGES Meeting	11/10/2026	22	$596	$27.09
Harper Lyon	Computer Science	CSGSC End of Semester Meeting	11/19/2026	15	$230	$15.33

IV. New Business
   A. Meeting Report Updates?
V. Old Business
VI. Announcements
   A. Will confirm Spring dates, but please remember our next meeting is on Zoom in December. If you want an event for finals or in January, it must be presented at this December meeting!!!
VII. Adjournment - 7:22PM