

GSSA Assembly Meeting
[2020-11-12] --- [Zoom Conference Call]

- I. Call to Order **6:03pm**
- II. Approval of Minutes **approved**
- III. Guest Speakers:
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. President - Ron Koshita (rkoshita@tulane.edu)
 1. Voting on SLA Representative Approval: Alejandra Castillo **meeting with the SLA deans to talk about distinctions of titles and wages etc. Setting up reps to participate in that meeting. Motion. Seconded. Alejandra was approved as SLA rep**
 2. SSE Representative Position still available! **We do have a graduate committee but we don't have reps. So we'd like this person to setup that representation**
 3. Office Hours (10 am - 12 pm on Wednesdays) will be available until the end of the semester.
 4. Please join a committee: **you have to** https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PdF_vGlwB6a2btq0RUHOp19MmSqz1nJasCsMOP67Dgc/edit?usp=sharing
 5. Spring 2021's 1st Assembly Meeting: Thursday, January 21st! **Zoom meeting**
 - B. Vice President - Sophie Delsaux (sdelsaux@tulane.edu)
 1. Grab and go welcome back coffee event, with giveaways, January 2021
Request \$3000 money will be sent on coffee and pastry. There will be attendance via swipe in system. Getting Coffee from petit rouge. All day thing or just time period? Potentially in the morning on a Friday? Other drinks than just coffee. It is for all constituents. Events can only be for 50 people, so distribution event to just grab coffee and go

*****Please organize events in your department. Because we are too large to plan an event for the entirety of our constituents. It's the same process as before, but if you have questions, you can contact Greg Feiling. Contact tracing for events still needs to be done. All the guidelines are still in place from phase 2. You can also see the**

GAPSA document with the guidelines. Money that is not spent goes to the reserve which is protected by levels of administration, which we must actively choose to do that process. So we want to spend as much money as possible.

Motion for \$3000 for event. Seconded. Approved.

C. Treasurer - Paolo Suating (psuating@tulane.edu)

1. Reminder – Deadline for Spring travel requests: 15 December **firm now**
2. Changes to travel reimbursement process **due to covid restrictions. Change for now: no paper copies sent to OGPS. One large PDF of all travel documents. Addresses that are on for reimbursements should be your home address. Department addresses are not allowed. A permanent address that still works even if the school is closed. Screenshots or confirmation emails are good enough. Signature requirements are changed. The packet is sent to the reps and the reps read through and then send it to Jennifer saying it looks good and it will act as a signature. Registration can be reimbursable, membership is reimbursable if the expense will be cheaper or it is contingent on presenting. See email with further details about reimbursements.**
3. Funding Requests

Department	Description	Cost
OGPS Motion. Seconded. approved.	Prizes for 3MT	\$500

D. Secretary - Amanda Reusch (areusch@tulane.edu)

1. OGPS Canvas Site tour **there is a catch all quiz that is sent to Jennifer O'Brien-Brown. If you have an issue and don't know what to do or who to talk to, this is a good start. She is very knowledgeable and can at least point you in the right direction.**
2. Replacement for my position **It's time for me to step down. It's been fun kids. Please let me know if you want to be secretary. It's a fun job. I get to tell people what I think and take notes when you guys talk. So let me know if you want to do it. I'll train you and such.**

E. International Student Rep - Clément Dubuisson (cdubuisson@tulane.edu)

1. Discussion groups for international grad students **casual nature. Led by the Well and OGPS along with GSSA. Building a sense of community.**
2. Seminar about race & NOLA for new international students (Antoinette Bell-Kareem's project) **started soon with more details**
3. More efficient TB testing for international students upon arrival **relaxing standards where TB is not a serious issue**

V. New Business

- A. GAPSA Senator Report **none for now**
- B. Grad Council Report **exit testing for students. Don't go back to visit families and spread covid. A lot of Tulane will stay open over winter break because quarantine facilities will be open etc. If you will be on campus, let faculty know. Buses and tap rides accessible during break?**
- C. SLA Graduate Studies Committee Report **discussed with directors about communication. TAs and GSIs and SLA deans meeting - distinction between the two positions. There is a google doc signup sheet out.**
- D. ISAB Liaison Report
- E. GDC Report **Nov. 20th. Equity fee details - \$2million for diversity and inclusion. So they're trying to do programming with some of that money**

VI. Old Business

- A. Reilly Center Offerings **fee does not have an opt in or opt out feature. Seems like the feature is not amenable to administration. There is not graduate specific programming right now. There's an idea to hire a graduate assistant to create more programming with the Reilly Center. Not paying extra for someone.**
 1. **Long discussion was had about how the opt in feature is really what we want. How the students who pay the fee are in the most precarious position. We will keep pushing the opt in feature for the Reilly Center fee and also enlist Solidarity for help.**

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment **Motion. Second. 7:13pm**