

GSSA Assembly Meeting
[2021-1-21] --- [Zoom Conference Call]

- I. Call to Order **6:01pm**
- II. Approval of Minutes **approved**
- III. Guest Speaker(s): Ginette Argüello (ginette@tulane.edu) and Zayd Sifri (zsifri@tulane.edu) of the Counseling Center
 - A. **Every student who pays their student health fee gets 12 free single sessions. You can also be in group therapy, which requires a consultation. Workshops that are available to everyone. Psychiatrist on staff for medication consultations. Do not do medical diagnosis. They do take those reports. Care coordinator for long term counseling needs in the community - send you a manageable list to find a therapist of your choice. Emergency services for any person on Tulane campus - walk in hours: 12-4.**
 - B. **International student workshop once every other week for international grad students to talk it out. Registration via email. Starting October 2nd at 2pm.**
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. President - Ron Koshita (rkoshita@tulane.edu)
 1. **Need volunteers for the Faculty Appreciation Award Committee! 1-3hr commitment. Send Ron an email. We're doing two for last year and this year.**
 - a) Potentially two from SLA and SSE each.
 2. **Renewing Versatile PhD subscription - \$1500. Motion to renew. Seconded. Approved.**
 - a) <https://versatilephd.com/>
 3. **Election season is coming up!**
 - a) April 8th is the penultimate meeting of the semester.
 - B. Vice President - Sophie Delsaux (sdelsaux@tulane.edu)
 1. **Hot Beverages and pastries event: 9th of February, location TBA, will send an email when everything is officialized. May not happen due to the new guidelines for COVID. Please plan events within your departments because it's the only way to spend money in small groups with restrictions. <https://vems.reg.tulane.edu/>**
 - C. Treasurer - Paolo Suating (psuating@tulane.edu)
 1. **General reminders: Travel reimbursement and event requests Need to be gone over with a fine tooth comb by representatives. Make sure everything matches up with the checklist. You have a responsibility to go over that packet. Send any questions to Paolo.**

- a) **Summer Travel form is up and running on the website.**
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTloKsfGqslZKfuCKhjk2ECo1Q1AC36WXmrqE6yHD5qcoVrQ/viewform>
Deadline: April 15th at 5pm.

2. Event Requests

Department	Date	Event (attendees)	Location	Amount
CHEM	2021 Feb 03	Cumulative exams (35)	TBD	50.00
CHEM	2021 Mar 03	Cumulative exams (35)	TBD	50.00
CHEM	2021 Apr 07	Cumulative exams (35)	TBD	50.00
CHEM	2021 May 05	Cumulative exams (35)	TBD	50.00
CHEM	2021 Jun 02	Cumulative exams (35)	TBD	50.00

Motion to slate. Seconded. Approved. Motion to approve. Seconded.

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

1. Wavesync PP **can be found on website under resources then GSSA documents**
2. Election
3. 3rd year reorientation **I'm working with OGPS to develop a Canvas course on things you need to know as you transition to a new stage in your graduate education. If there are things you would like to see or want to discuss the project with me, I'd love to have a chat with you (virtual or outdoors over coffee (my treat)).**

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

1. Counseling Center & Workshops for Grad Students **see above.**

F. SLA Rep - Alejandra Castillo (mcastil4@tulane.edu)

1. TA/GSI distinctions and concerns + meeting with Deans **smaller meeting with the Deans. Please voice your concerns. You can email Ron or Alejandra. Alyssa Walker and Michael Russo will attend as well. Alyssa said: "Perhaps if anyone has worked as both a TA and as an instructor, without any changes to their status as a student,**

they could send a testimonial about the differences in those two positions” which is a good idea

V. New Business

A. GAPSA Senator Report

B. Grad Council Report **CELT Pedagogy course on Gibson. PhD Taskforce for PhD issues, if interested, let me know**

C. SLA Graduate Studies Committee

D. Vote on extending the Spring 2021 travel deadline? **Motion to extend. Second. Discussion on the merits was had. Approved. When do we extend the to? Maybe not too close to the April deadline. February 15th. Motion. Seconded. Approved.**

VI. Old Business

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VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment **7:10pm**