GSSA Assembly Meeting  
[2021-3-18] --- [Zoom Conference Call]

I. Call to Order 6:03 pm

II. Approval of Minutes approved as read

III. Officer Reports
   A. President - Ron Koshita (rkoshita@tulane.edu)
      1. Invited to the SSE Graduate Studies Committee.
         a) new non-voting seat, waiting on more details
         b) woo!
      2. Faculty Awards Committee: Nominee Deadline for March 25th at 4 pm
         a) No nominations yet! Committee met but nothing to do!
            (1) Looking for nominations
            (2) 4 pm on the 25th for more nominations; please do it!
      3. OGPS Updates:
         a) Survey on graduate student career needs will be sent out soon.
            (1) Ogps is looking for more information about the kinds of careers/paths folks are interested in outside of academia
         b) A panel of Tulane alums with non-academic careers will be meeting on April 21st, at 12:30 pm!
            (1) Register here: https://tulane.instructure.com/courses/2226006/quizzes/4099243/take
            (2) Worth it for words of wisdom!
         c) Amanda is looking for students who can speak to experiences with changing advisors, submissions will be kept anonymous.
            (1) Please reach out to her at areusch@tulane.edu if you or your constituents have anything to share!

   B. Vice President - Sophie Delsaux (sdelsaux@tulane.edu)
      1. Crawfish event: requesting $9000
         a) Good news! Not yet confirmed but in talks on the policies
            To be confirmed but here some info: 16th of April, from 6 pm to 8 pm, Richardson quad, 150 people max, only GSSA students (no +1)

            Pre-packed 4 lbs/person + a drink

Question:
Must be a student --- does this include SOPA?
Not if they are not a part of gssa (they are not).

Taking place on the side or behind of richardson? There is a plan for some curated pieces to be set up over there. There are questions about whether the setting will be okay.

Is there a vote to approve this request?

Motion, 2nded,

Technical difficulties

Motion to move voting for today to yes/no function on zoom

Approved

Any objections to funding request?

No, approved.

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

1. Event requests

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Details
- Estimated 30 attendees; total cost per head = $14.84
- To be hosted in Audubon Park, across from Dinwiddie Hall

FOOD AND BEVERAGE: $428.98
Pre-boiled and pre-packaged crawfish in individual portions = $420
  - ($4 per pound of crawfish x 3.5 pounds of crawfish per person) x 30 people
  - Captain Sid’s Seafood, Metairie, LA

Water bottles = $8.98
  - $8.98 per 32-pack x 1

OTHER: $16.38
Trash bags = $6.44
Paper towels, 6 pack = $5.98
Sanitizer wet wipes = $3.96
  - $1.98 per canister x 2 canisters
Not sure about location, maybe city park or private location
Capped at 30 people
Rounded up b/c price of crawfish changes throughout the season;
probably going to be lower than requested

Any questions?
Motion, 2nded
Passed

2. Speaker requests

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Motion, 2nded,
Approved
Via poll!

D. Secretary - Alyssa Walker (awalker11@tulane.edu)
   1. Taking over as secretary…

E. SLA Rep - Alejandra Castillo (mcastil4@tulane.edu)
   1. SLA TA/GSI Google Form Responses
   2. New TA/GSI Committee
      a) Thank you for your responses! We decided to create a separate committee to deal with this issue
      b) Most frequently responded: spanish/portuguese, philosophy, anthropology
      c) Encouraged to participate especially if your department is one that responded
d) Plan for committee to meet next week

IV. New Business
   A. GAPSA Senator Report

   **Nothing to report; meeting coming up on Tuesday**
   
   Lots going on behind the scene; look out for a message soon about the gapsa senator report next week!

   B. Graduate Council Report

   **March meeting cancelled, so we’ll hear from Michael at a later point.**

   C. SLA Graduate Studies Committee Report

   **Finalized memo to send out to departments on celt courses**
   Approved grad requirements
   A couple new courses for french and italian
   Info on graduation

   D. OISS Liaison Report

   **Ron will follow up and let us know if he hears anything back.**

V. Old Business

   **RON WILL BEG! But, because we are all kind people and don’t want to make Ron beg, folks will volunteer for the open e-board positions (all but secretary)**

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment

**motion , 2nded, 6:37 pm**