

GSSA Assembly Meeting  
Minutes  
[2022-01-27] – [Zoom]

- I. Call to Order **6:01 pm**
- II. Approval of Minutes and Adoption of Agenda **approved as read**
- III. Officer Reports
  - A. President - Paolo Suating ([president.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:president.gssa@tulane.edu))
    1. Guest Speaker: Austen Williams, MSW (Title IX) – 2022 Sexual Misconduct Climate Survey

**2nd climate survey Tulane has taken on for this topic – Last one was in 2017 – many students currently enrolled have not heard their views about sexual misconduct heard!**

**Survey – ARC-3 (same as last time) – active January 28th – February 20th**

- Takes about 20 minutes of time
- Anonymous to faculty/staff that look at the survey
- Open to any Tulane student (undergraduate, graduate, professional)
- Links sent are unique to each student
- Students may discontinue and restart the survey with the same link/sign-in via links from climate survey webpage (linked above)

**Goals of the survey – Tulane would ideally like to end sexual harassment and violence in the community; and hopes to tackle issues by hearing from the community.**

**Timeline**

**-Spring/Summer '22 → Data collection**

**-Summer/Fall '22 → Data release and “All-In” Kick-off**

**Effects— In 2017, the data showed graduate students wanted/needed more resources relating to sexual harassment/violence. As a result, the new position was created at the Well for Health Promotion.**

2. Guest Speaker: Amanda Reusch – 2022 tax season workshops

**Funding request for licenses on a [tax workshop](#) (via) Emily Roberts – Personal resources for phds...**

**3 calls for participants**

**\$20/person**

**Buy 100 – allow students to sign up and receive the licenses purchased until run out; can buy excess if needed at same price**

**No events since the licensing provides you access to prerecorded videos. There are days on which one can q/a and we could set up a meeting for this.**

**No international tax information. HOWEVER, OISS has resources.**

**Is 100 enough?**

**There is a deal offered where if you buy 200, then you get a video conference with her.**

**Not sure if there is enough interest to make that leap → esp. since there are ~850 grads in GSSA and around ~250 of whom are international**

3. TUPD Statement on recent local crime

**See TUPD recent email about resources both for the well-being of yourself and others.**

**Also see Canvas webpage OGPS 2021-22 > Pages > Health & Safety**

B. Vice President - Anika Tabassum ([vp.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:vp.gssa@tulane.edu))

1. **Trivia night: February 3rd, 2022**

**Cooter's Brown and time: 6:00-8:30 pm**

2. Bowling Night:

Original date was: January 28th, 2022 and time: 06:00-08:30 pm

Tentative venue: Fulton Alley

**\*Date needs to be changed as planning around indoor events with food was too much of a hassle during the omicron crisis.**

**Date change ideas?**

**After Mardi Gras, seconded by the assembly**

C. Treasurer - Nirasha Thilakaratne ([treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu))

1. Concur is not mandatory

**To check for access, go to Gibson >Services**

**It is not necessary to go through Concur, even if you have been granted access – until further notice.**

2. Event requests

Date	Department	Amount Requested
02/02	Chemistry	\$250

**Money for pizza at an outdoor event for chemistry monthly meeting  
Expecting 35-40**

**Motion to vote on chemistry meeting, seconded**

**Motion passes, chemistry funding approved**

**General event questions:**

**For events that were approved prior to the omicron crises/policy changes,  
what is the status of those funds? Do they need to be re-applied for ---**

**1) If canceled, funds are gone**

**2) If postponed, then funds are still held for that event.**

D. Secretary - Alyssa Walker ([secretary.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:secretary.gssa@tulane.edu))

IV. New Business

A. GAPSA Senator Report

**Next meeting in February**

B. Graduate Council Report

**No meeting**

C. SLA Graduate Studies Committee Report

**No meeting**

D. SSE Graduate Studies Committee Report

**No meeting**

E. OISS Liaison Report

**Have not heard from them.**

V. Old Business

**Letter of Concern regarding communication in GAPSA?**

- **only 2 representatives responded**
- **will mention it at the GAPSA meeting**

**If you want to sign it, let Paolo know.**

**If you don't want to sign it, let Paolo know.**

VI. Announcements

1. Change in internal event policy

**There will be graduate student listening sessions run by OGPS/grad students. Talk to OGPS grad student workers folks about 1) campus life 2) career support and 3) academic services.**

**SUGGESTIONS? Attend! See flyer in Friday 12/29 OGPS Newsletter.**

2. Hoping for an in-person meeting later in the Spring! Stay-tuned!

VII. Adjournment **6:45 pm**