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)
      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)
   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)
   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

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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)

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