

GSSA Assembly Meeting
Minutes
[2022-02-17] – [Zoom]

- I. Call to Order **6:03 pm**
- II. Approval of Minutes and Adoption of Agenda **approved as read**
- III. Officer Reports
 - A. President - Paolo Suating (president.gssa@tulane.edu)
 - 1. Sexual Assault Climate Survey ends Feb. 20th

Participation from graduate students is low, but your voice matters, even if you have not experienced any sexual violence.
Social provided for

- 2. CEF request – 27th Environmental Law and Policy Summit: Charles Lally, Tulane SBA

<https://tulaneenvironmentallawsummit.com/>

This year's event: March 11th-12th

Expected attendance:

~45 speakers so far

~600 virtual attendance

Last year, about 800 total in virtual attendance

Open to all to attend! Lots of panels

VP of Nasdaq

BP

Federal Maritime Association

Women's Panel in Entergy Careers including CEO from Entergy-Orleans (first one!)

New

In-person keynote from Louisiana governor John Bel Edwards

Background: GSSA typically helps fund the Law Summit (at least for past few years, requesting somewhere between \$1000 and \$2000)

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Request: \$1750, and all goes toward Coco Advocation Learning and Consulting that works for Spanish

Comments from the assembly --

Since the law school is not part of GSSA and our funding from student fees, is it fair for us to fund this?

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Background on Law Summit

**Total \$17000
Law School puts in \$5000
GAPSA puts in \$1750
GSSA puts in \$1750
the rest is corporate sponsors**

Why GSSA? We have an “academic stake” in the summit and officially invited to participate. **we are**

Do we have the money?

Yes! Lots of money in the reserve fund, that in the past was for the Ida Fund, etc. Seems better to use money than let there. **used
it sit**

Seems to be a lot more money than we take as individual departments, and doesn't seem to be much compared to how much else they are getting. Is it worth it?

In what capacity are speakers involved? Are they willing to take questions if you're in the audience? (Answer: Yes!) Are any questions off limits (e.g. do we have to limit our questions to the topic of the panel, e.g., women in energy). As long as it is not inappropriate in any usual sense, no questions are off the table.

Why were certain representatives chosen?

Balance between public and private firms. It is also important highlight new and emerging voices. **to**

Who are the corporate sponsors?

**Primarily Tulane-related parties, e.g., student bar association
Center for Environmental Law**

Who has been reached out to for corporate sponsors?

For example, possible objectionable sources (Entergy, Exxon) not potential funding sources. **are**

It seems like a great event because it is worthwhile to put people in conversation that both share environmental values and don't/hinder.

Assembly members would have liked to see this information earlier!

- issue on the e-board side! Would have normally been provided with agenda!

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Motion to vote. Seconded
Funded \$1750.

- B. Vice President - Anika Tabassum (vp.gssa@tulane.edu)
 - 1. March 3rd, 6 pm Trivia at Cooter Brown's
 - 2. Mental health wellness and Yoga session March 11th, 3-5 pm at Reily center
 - 3. GSSA Bowling night March 24th, 2022 at 6-8 pm in Fulton Alley
Snacks, bowling, and game parlor!

- C. Treasurer - Nirasha Thilakaratne (treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu)

Event Requests

Event Date	Department	Event Name	Amount requested
02/11	Cell & Molecular Biology	ATCG-CMB business meeting	\$105
03/07	Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Graduate Student Meeting	\$240
03/18	Cell & Molecular Biology	ATCG-CMB business meeting	\$125
03/04	Economics	Economics Grad Student Meet	\$100
04/08	Economics	Econ Graduate Student Meet	\$100
05/02	Economics	Econ Graduate Student Meet	\$100
03/16	City, Culture, & Community	CCC Academic Socializing	\$200
04/20	City, Culture, & Community	CCC Academic Socializing	\$200

2/11 was part of January's request and we funded it, so we don't need to vote on it.

Motion to fund the events under \$250 under slate? Seconded.
All events funded.

Speaker Requests

Event Date	Department	Event Name	Amount requested
03/11	Philosophy	New Orleans Philosophical Society's Graduate Student Conference at Tulane	\$200

**Motion to fund the honorarium? Seconded.
Speaker event funded.**

CONCUR

Roll-out for SSE is starting after Mardi Gras (March)

Students can self-enroll or one can ask their department administrator to enroll them.

SO: If you are asking for money from the DEAN's office, you must use Concur. But no information from SLA, so there timing differences

D. Secretary - Alyssa Walker (secretary.gssa@tulane.edu)

IV. New Business

A. GAPSA Senator Report

Take the climate survey!!!

B. Graduate Council Report

C. SLA Graduate Studies Committee Report

D. SSE Graduate Studies Committee Report

Looking for companies to help recruit international students <https://shorelight.com/>

E. OISS Liaison Report

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

Should we raise honorariums? They come from a separate pot of money, and the rise of online conferences seems to have (at least for now) eliminated the use of travel/per diem awards we give to speakers.

We can vote to make this happen! Think about it for next time!

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment **7:20 pm**