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-New Orleans (first one!)
            In-person keynote from Louisiana governor John Bel Edwards

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

            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 comes from student fees, is it fair for us to fund this?

            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 are officially invited to participate.

Do we have the money?

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

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 to highlight new and emerging voices.

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) are not potential funding sources.

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!
Motion to vote. Seconded

Funded $1750.

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

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

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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

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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/](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