GSSA Assembly Meeting

Minutes

11/17/22 / Stibbs 203

1. Call to order 6:06 35 members
2. Approval of minutes and adoption of agenda
3. Officer Reports
   1. President – [president.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:president.gssa@tulane.edu)
      1. Considerations for event funding (see department spending breakdown)
         1. About to go over budget if spending proceeds as is.
         2. The VP activities and department events are all funded from the events budget.
         3. A survey for event priorities is needed. The VP will distribute a survey to the listserv. Include how reps want money allocated per department.
         4. It would be helpful to have a budget per department based on size. Guidelines for departments are needed.
         5. A google sheet for departments to document actual spending.
         6. WiSE has offered to co-host events with departments.
      2. Next meeting: December 1st @ 6 pm in LBC 203 Stibbs / 5:30 pm for food.
   2. Vice President – [vp.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:vp.gssa@tulane.edu)
      1. Motion to delay Trivia Night on Dec 8th
      2. Motion 2nded
      3. Motion struck down

* Motion to fund Trivia Night on Dec 8th for $1200
* Motion 2nded
* Approved
  1. Treasurer – [treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu)

We have a Speaker Request!

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| Barbara Xavier Franca | Spanish & Portuguese | Invited Speaker | 2/24/2023 | $350.00 | Honorarium |  |
|  |  |  |  | $700.00 | Transportation (500) + Lodging (200) |  |

Honorarium budget is $2,200 (untouched this year). If approved, $1,850 will remain.

Visiting professionals budget is 7,200 (untouched this year). If approved, $6,500 will remain.

Motion to fund speaker request

Motion 2nded

Motion passes

Departmental Event Requests

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| **Requestor** | **Dept** | **Event Title** | **Date** | **Amount Requested** | **Per Event** | **#Ppl** | **Per Person** | **Pays for** |
| Zach Plumley | Neuroscience | DUNNK | 12/2/2022 | 200 | 200 | 25 | $8.00 | coffee/pastries |
| Stephanie Steele | Studio Art | Grad Portfolio Reviews | 12/7-9/2022 | 750 | 250 | 17 | $14.71 | Food and coffee - for 17 people (Blaze Pizza or La Madeleine) |
| Emily Clark | Anthropology | Winter Event | 12/9/2022 | 200 | 200 | 40 | $5.00 | Panera fruit bowl, bagel pack |
|  |  |  | **Total w/ events under $300** | **$1,150.00** |  |  |  |  |
| Zach Plumley | Neuroscience | PhD Student Social | 12/3/2022 | 700 | 700 | 25 | $28.00 | Food and non-alcoholic beverages, Audubon Park permit fee |
| Ekanshu Malick | EES | End of Semester Celebration | 12/2/2022 | 600 | 600 | 23 | $26.09 | Have dinner (food only) at the Rum House for 23 grads @$20/person +tips&taxes |
| Avik Bhattacharya | CS | End of Semester Party | 12/6/2022 | 300 | 300 | 20 | $15.00 | Food, from Goodbird on Freret, One meal per person. Typically a sandwich and/or a drink |
| Danica Kulibert | WiSE | Friends-giving Lunch | 11/18/2022 | 350 | 350 | 30 | $11.67 | OliveBlue catering. Lunch boxes $12.99 a person. |
| Stephanie Steele | Studio Art | Welcome Meetup | 12/4/2022 | 850 | 850 | 13 | $65.38 | 13 tickets for Cajun Encounters |
| Eileen Tomczuk | CCC | Monthly Socials | Amended. Three events: 12/7, 1/26, and 2/23 | 900 | 300 | 35 | $8.57 |  |
|  |  |  | **Total w/ events at least $300** | **$5,750.00** |  |  |  |  |

Motion to vote on all events under $300 as a slate

Motion 2nded

Motion passes

Motion to fund all events under $300

Motion 2nded

motion passes

Motion to fund Neuroscience student social

Motion 2nded

Motion passes

Motion to fund EES Celebration

Motion 2nded

Motion passes

Motion to fund CS Party

Motion 2nded

motion passes

Motion to fund WiSE friends giving

Motion 2nded

Motion passes

Motion to fund Studio Art meetup

Motion 2nded

Motion passes

Motion to vote on only first three CCC events

Motion 2nded

Motion passes

Motion to fund first three CCC socials

Motion 2nded

Motion passes

Remaining in Event Budget at the end of last meeting: $24,069

Without accounting for VP spending, approving all of these departmental events would bring the total remaining budget to $18,319.00 (24069 - 5750) Including VP spending approved this semester, just subtract that from this amount to see the current remaining budget.

* 1. Secretary – [secretary.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:secretary.gssa@tulane.edu)
     1. Update on Emergency Travel Funding Committee
        1. Many students are not receiving travel fund reimbursements
        2. Forming a new exec board position to handle travel funding
        3. Forming a new committee to handle travel funding

1. New Business
   1. GAPSA Senator Report
   2. Graduate Council Report
   3. SSE Graduate Representative Report
   4. SLA Graduate Representative Report
   5. OISS Liaison Report
      1. Classes focusing on English as a second language is not helpful or fulfilling their purpose. The classes are poorly timed and are inequitable.
      2. Survey for feelings on ESL classes.
      3. Taught by ??? Center for global education.
   6. Call for volunteers for Academic misconduct
   7. Tulane Riley fees are inequitable to graduate students.
      1. We pay full fees for two years of our graduate career
      2. A reduced rate or a waving the mandatory fee is wanted
   8. WiSE writing retreat pre-sign up being distributed by email by WiSE.
2. Old Business
3. Announcements
4. Adjournment 8:21