GSSA Assembly Meeting

Minutes

1 February 2024 / LBC 203 Stibbs

1. Call to order 6:05 PM
2. Approval of minutes and adoption of agenda Approved as read
3. Guest Speakers
4. Officer Reports
   1. President – [president.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:president.gssa@tulane.edu)
      1. Faculty award nomination survey: <https://forms.gle/Fqs2h6Nya1ZQdQAw9>
         1. Winners announced 2/29
         2. Need 3 volunteers to serve on faculty award committee – Sergio, Hannah, Kierstin
      2. International tax questions: two meetings scheduled next week for students to meet with Sara Kaplan from International Tax Office. Can schedule more as needed.
         1. Tuesday 2/6 @ 2 PM: <https://tulane.zoom.us/j/93937363148>
         2. Wednesday 2/7 @ 10 AM: <https://tulane.zoom.us/j/97708576730>
         3. Answers to grad students’ questions submitted in the survey sent out in January can be found here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1N-prHvyx2FQpX4_iMKPeicq5MXSZD0pe1o5OpHV3HA0/edit?usp=sharing>
      3. Need [2] Grad Council volunteers:
         1. 1 SSE and 1 SLA rep (non-voting members)
            1. SSE: Chase Richard
            2. SLA: Julia Sjodahl
         2. Meets 2nd Wednesday / month @ 8:30 AM via Zoom
      4. Need 2 GAPSA Senator volunteer for 3 in-person meetings this semester- : Godservice, India Pursell
         1. Wednesday 2/21 at 7PM (Weinmann Hall, 157)
         2. Wednesday, March 20 (Tidewater Building, 1206)
         3. Wednesday, April 17 (Weinmann Hall, 157)
   2. Vice President – [vp.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:vp.gssa@tulane.edu)
      1. Events
      2. **Event request**
      3. Cooter’s Brown game nights (1 to 2 events for $1,300 each)
         1. 30 to 45 people expected based on last semester
         2. Last semester 6PM to 8PM or 5PM to 7PM
         3. Dates: 2/22 and 3/14 (already requested via wave sync for 5PM to 7PM)
         4. $1300 per event (total $2600)
         5. \*the second can be tentative for now if we want to stay below $10,000
      4. Indoor wall climbing
         1. 50 to 60 people expected based on last years attendance
         2. Last semester 10 AM-12 PM or 12PM to 2PM
         3. Potential date(s): 3/8(friday) or 3/10(sunday)
            1. Fridays: 9:00pm-11:00pm
            2. Sundays: 7:00pm-9:00pm
         4. Cost $900
      5. **Additional proposed events for spring 2024**
      6. Spring social event ($8000) Mid-April
         1. Last semester: 195 signed in, but about 300 to 350 showed up
         2. 5 to 9 PM
         3. Potential date(s): 4/11 or 4/12
      7. Total for all events: $11,500 with both trivia. $10,200 with 1 trivia event

Motion to fund all events for $11500 for Spring VP Events

Seconded

$11500 Approved for VP Spending by Assembly

Future Crawfest events, maybe tents for grad students?

* 1. Treasurer – [treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu)
     1. Expenses incurred in Fall
     2. Entertainment budget breakdown (Departmental usage)
     3. Running Budget, available pools
     4. Reminders: Reimbursement paperwork submissions

Join the Budget Committee! (Whitney)

Send out survey for the Budget Committee interests.

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| **Requestor's Name** | **Requestor's Department** | **Event Title** | **Event Start Date** | **Estimated Number of Attendees and Affiliation** | **Amount Requested (Ex: $50.00)** | **Per Person** |
| Edward Looker | Cell & Molecular Biology – GSSA | ATCG meeting | 2/16/2024 | 30 | 290 | 9.7 |
| Edward Looker | Cell & Molecular Biology – GSSA | ATCG picnic | 3/9/2024 | 30 | 299 | 10.0 |
| Sarah Stratton | Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering – GSSA | Fourth year talks | 2/22/2024 | 50 | 250 | 5.0 |
| Aunindya Jyoti | Chemistry – GSSA | CGSA Departmental Meeting | 2/7/2024 | 35 | 300 | 8.6 |
| Ziyu Zhou | Computer Science – GSSA | Computer Science Graduate Student Colloquium | 2/5/2024 | 20 | 200 | 10.0 |
| ~~Ziyu Zhou~~ | ~~Computer Science – GSSA~~ | ~~Computer Science Graduate Student Colloquium~~ | ~~2/12/2024~~ | ~~20~~ | ~~200~~ | ~~10.0~~ |
| Ziyu Zhou | Computer Science – GSSA | Computer Science Graduate Student Colloquium | 2/19/2024 | 20 | 200 | 10.0 |
| Ziyu Zhou | Computer Science – GSSA | View Event Submissions Certificate Computer Science Graduate Student Colloquium | 2/26/2024 | 20 | 200 | 10.0 |
| Carolina Hurtado-Pulido | Earth & Environmental Sciences – GSSA | EES welcoming event | 2/9/2024 | 16 | 500 | 31.3 |
| Jacob Dixon | Ecology & Evolutionary Biology – GSSA | CREEP Meeting | 2/7/2024 | 20 | 380 | 19.0 |
| Barbara Lundebjerg | Economics – GSSA | AGES Meeting | 2/15/2024 | 30 ~~20~~ | 280 | 14.0 |
| Barbara Lundebjerg | Economics – GSSA | AGES Meeting | 3/21/2024 | 30 ~~20~~ | 280 | 14.0 |
| Barbara Lundebjerg | Economics – GSSA | AGES Meeting | 4/25/2024 | 30 ~~20~~ | 280 | 14.0 |
| Sebastian Morales | Latin American Studies – GSSA | LAGO lunch | 2/23/2024 | 35 | 250 | 7.1 |
| Emma Kainz | Linguistics – GSSA | Ling Writing Workshop | 2/22/2024 | 17 | 170 | 10.0 |
| Sang-Eun Lee | Mathematics – GSSA | SIAM Graduate Student Colloquium | 2/27/2024 | 30 | 200 | 6.7 |
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| Sang-Eun Lee | Mathematics – GSSA | SIAM Graduate Student Colloquium | 4/2/2024 | 30 | 200 | 6.7 |
| ~~Sang-Eun Lee~~ | ~~Mathematics – GSSA~~ | ~~SIAM Graduate Student Colloquium~~ | ~~4/30/2024~~ | ~~30~~ | ~~250~~ | ~~8.3~~ |
| Sang-Eun Lee | Mathematics – GSSA | SIAM Graduate Student Colloquium | 4/23/2024 | 30 | 200 | 6.7 |
| Sang-Eun Lee | Mathematics – GSSA | SIAM Graduate Student Colloquium | 4/16/2024 | 30 | 200 | 6.7 |
| Kierstin Cousin | Neuroscience – GSSA | DUNNK February Meeting | 2/16/2024 | 25 | 250 | 10.0 |
| Elham Loni | Physics – GSSA | PEP Grads Gathering | 2/2/2024 | 35 | 260 | 7.4 |
| Elham Loni | Physics – GSSA | PEP Grads Gathering | 2/9/2024 | 35 | 250 | 7.1 |
| Jiachen Shi | Political Science – GSSA | PhD gathering | 2/22/2024 | 30 | 299 | 10.0 |

Motion to vote to fund all items under $300 as a slate

Seconded

Approved

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Seconded

Approved

Motion to fund EES event for $500

Seconded

Approved

Motion to fund EEB Event for $380

Seconded

Approved

* 1. Secretary – [secretary.gssa@tulane.edu](mailto:secretary.gssa@tulane.edu)

1. New Business
   1. GAPSA Senator Report (Shreya, Kierstin, Ekanshu, James, Zach, Paul) - Nothing to report (yet)
   2. Graduate Council Report (Whitney, Jiachen) – Nothing to report
   3. SLA Graduate Studies Committee Report (Xena) – Xena Absent
   4. SSE Graduate Representative Report (Elham) – Elham left early
   5. OISS Liaison Report (Carolina H.) – Nothing to report
2. Old Business
3. Announcements
   1. **Reminder to forward important e-mails to your departments!!!!**
   2. Start thinking about running for e-board, and for which positions – Sending out survey for nominations around February 29th
4. Adjournment - 7:55 PM