

GSSA Assembly Meeting Minutes

Agenda

18 April 2024/ Zoom

- I. Call to order **6:05**
- II. Approval of minutes and adoption of agenda **Yes**
- III. Guest Speakers
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. President – president.gssa@tulane.edu
 - i. Zach: introduce the 2024-2025 GSSA E-Board (!!): Shreya, Chassidy, Chase, and Kierstin
 - ii. Shreya:
 1. Regalia – let students know to contact Zach (using the President.GSSA e-mail address) if they are still interested in borrowing from the GSSA stock
 - a. **Shreya-Extra regalia left**
 - iii. Zach:
 1. Updates from GAPSA Assembly Meeting 4/17/2024
 1. **GAPSA mixer canceled due to previous shooting at the republic**
 2. **E board stipend proposal presented by Zach to GAPSA assembly - no vote but general approval**
 1. **will go to finance committee in the fall for approval of changes to GAPSA bylaws**
 2. Request to fund Rep Appreciation Event
 - a. \$1800
 - b. **Motion to fund rep appreciation event**
 - c. **Voted yes for approval 88%**
 3. Request to fund Versatile PhD, if applicable
 - a. \$1500 from GSSA *reserve fund*; \$2500 to be covered by OGPS
 - b. **Motion to NOT fund**
 - i. **Voted Yes 89%**
 - ii. **Versatile PhD will not be funded this year**
 - B. Vice President – vp.gssa@tulane.edu
 - i. Events
 1. Update
 - a. **Social was great and Lovia thanks for being VP**
 - ii. Department comps/prelims support
 1. **Idea for departments to support students taking quals with food**
 2. **Works with department since they will know who is testing**
 - C. Treasurer – treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu
 - i. Travel award update.
 1. **Summer travel award deadline closed on 4/15 awards will be going out in a couple weeks**
 2. **Travel needs to be booked through Concur otherwise it will not be reimbursed**
 - ii. Running budget
 1. **Enough money to fund all events for tonight with about \$400 left over**
 - iii. Financial report, 2023-24
 - iv. Guidelines from budget committee
 - v. Passing the baton: Chase Richard

Requestor's Name	Requestor's Department	Event Title	Event Start Date	Estimated Number of Attendees and Affiliation	Amount Requested (Ex: \$50.00)	Per Person
Aunindya Jyoti	Chemistry – GSSA	CGSA meeting	5/1/2024	30	150	5
Claudia Garcia	Biomedical Engineering – GSSA	Paddling out of the semester	4/28/2024	30	299	9.966666 667
Kierstin Cousin	Neuroscience – GSSA	PhD Spring Social	4/26/2024	30	750	25
Kierstin Cousin	Neuroscience – GSSA	May DUNNK Meeting	5/24/2024	25	250	10
Laura Manuel	River-Coastal Science and Engineering – GSSA	RCSE end of semester event	5/10/2024	22	200	9.090909 091
Paul Troncozo	Political Science – GSSA	End-of-semester gathering	4/30/2024	30-35	299	9.060606 061
Sam Hage	Philosophy – GSSA	Leo Strauss Seminar pt. 2	5/15/2024	12 philosophy graduate students	100	8.333333 333
Zoë Shribman	Earth & Environmental Sciences – GSSA	End of Semester Dinner	5/10/2024	18	800	44.444444 444

Motion to form a slate for all events under \$300

Yes

Motion to fund slate

Approved all events under \$300 funded

Motion to fund Neuro social

Approved for \$750

Motion to fund EES dinner

Approved for \$800

All events on agenda approved

D. Secretary – secretary.gssa@tulane.edu

- i. Send in the rep transition sheets to Emily and Zach—even if you're staying on!
- ii. Send into secretary GSSA email
- iii. Still send in even if you do not know who new reps are because DDS needs to be up to date

V. New Business

A. GAPSA Senator Report (Shreya, India, Godservice, Kierstin, Zach, Paul)

- i. Increase in student activities fee by \$40 every year for the next 5 years until it reaches \$400

B. SLA Grad Studies Committee (Whitney, Jiachen)

- i. Last meeting was today but everything is confidential

C. Graduate Council Report (Chase, Julia)

- i. Nothing to report

D. SLA Graduate Representative Report (Xena)

- i. Sending out a survey tomorrow (4/19) about stipends for all SLA grad students, will be open for a week

- ii. Responses to survey could lead to increases in stipend
 - E. SSE Graduate Representative Report (Elham)
 - i. No updates
 - F. OISS Liaison Report (Godservice)
 - i. No updates
- VI. Old Business
- VII. Announcements
- VIII. Adjournment 7:20