

GSSA Assembly Meeting

Agenda

05 September 2024 / LBC Stibbs 203

- I. Call to order **6:11**
- II. Approval of minutes and adoption of agenda **Approved as read**
- III. Guest Speakers
 - I. Michael Cunningham
 - Office of Graduate and Postgraduate Studies (OGPS)
 - Down grad students which impacts our budget**
 - Jennifer O'Brien Brown back on Monday 9/9**
 - Ryan Stivers resource for looking for jobs**
 - Travel needs to be booked through concur**
 - 11/18 2pm Three minute thesis competition**
 - Resources @ ogps.tulane.edu**
 - Case workers for any issues that come up (life-changing)**
- IV. Officer Reports
 - I. President – president.gssa@tulane.edu
 - i. Welcome!
 - ii. Peak Hurricane Season
 1. GSSA has historically provided funds to grad students in need. In the event of an emergency, check your e-mails for information to receive emergency funds from GSSA, Tulane Student Emergency Aid and Assistance Fund, etc.
 - iii. Fall Assembly Meetings Dates: 9/5, 9/26 (Zoom), 10/24, 12/5 (Zoom)
 - iv. Listserv – request to subscribe
 - v. Survey
 - vi. **GSSA wide survey- request for volunteers; email [president.gssa](mailto:president.gssa@tulane.edu) if interested**
 - II. Secretary – secretary.gssa@tulane.edu
 1. Introduction (Kierstin Cousin)
 2. Website Tour
 3. Meeting Dates and Robert's Rules Basics
 4. WaveSync
 5. **email [secretary.gssa](mailto:secretary.gssa@tulane.edu) if you do not have wave sync access or have not been getting listserv emails**
 - ii. 1 GSSA rep needed for every 15 graduate students enrolled in your department's graduate program (Masters and PhD students combined)
 1. Please e-mail secretary.gssa@tulane.edu to let us know who will be your GSSA reps for the 2024-2025 year. Each rep will receive the following:
 - a. WaveSync access (to submit event requests)
 - b. They will be listed on the GSSA Departmental Representative webpage (<https://gssa.tulane.edu/department-representatives/>)
 - III. Vice President – vp.gssa@tulane.edu
 - i. Introduction (Chassidy Simmons)
 - ii. Tentative Fall events
 1. Fall Welcome Mixer – Port Orleans Brewery (10/11) **5pm**
 - iii. Budget request - \$15,000 for the year. May have to pull extra funds from emergency funds.
Motion to vote on VP budget approval
Seconded
VP budget Approved

IV. Tu Talks introduction

Low stakes platform for grad students to talk about their work
Every other Wednesday 4pm

Asking for volunteers to organize email oadekusibe@tulane.edu or emallick@tulane.edu

V. Treasurer – treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu

- i. Introduction (Chase Richard) 4th year Neuro PhD
- ii. Travel Awards
 - 1. <https://gssa.tulane.edu/travel-funding/>
 - 2. Fall travel form on website
- iii. Reimbursement Packet Walkthrough
- iv. New event requests
 - 1. <https://gssa.tulane.edu/event-funding/>
 - 2. Budget discussions Total= \$95806

New Funding request guidelines:

- All funding requests must be submitted by 11:59 PM Friday before the Thursday Assembly Meeting. You can only request for events planned for the upcoming month (any events between 2 meetings).
- Questions to answer when you introduce the event:
 - o Introduce yourself and your department
 - o What is the event?
 - o What will the funds pay for?
- Will your department offer partial funding? All the events that a department requests funding for, occurring in the coming month, will be totaled together and voted on as a separate issue if the total per department is more than \$300.

Requestor's Name	Requestor's Department	Event Title	Event Start Date	Estimated # of Attendees & Affiliation	Amount Requested (\$)	Per Person (\$)
Edward Looker	Cell & Molecular Biology – GSSA	ATCG Meeting	9/20/2024	35	300	8.6
Barbara Lundebjerg	Economics – GSSA	AGES Monthly Meeting	9/24/2024	25	250	10.0
India Pursell	Neuroscience – GSSA	September DUNNK Meeting	9/26/2024	25	250	10.0
Elham Loni	Physics – GSSA	Physics Grads Social Gathering	9/10/2024	38	250	6.6
Jiachen Shi	Political Science – GSSA	PhD get-together	9/10/2024	35	299	8.5
Brooke Montgomery	Psychology – GSSA	PSYC Grad Student Friday Funday	9/27/2024	32	290	9.1

Emma House	River-Coastal Science and Engineering - GSSA	RCSE Food & Game Night	9/27/2024	12 grad students, a few +1 of grads	300	#VALUE!
				Total:	\$1939	

- **Event Requests Over \$300**

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Ziyu Zhou	Computer Science - GSSA	Computer Science Graduate Student Colloquium	9/12/2024	20	200	10.0
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				Total:	\$400	
Hannah Eiseman	Ecology & Evolutionary Biology - GSSA	CREEP Meeting	9/12/2024	20	380	19.0
				Total:	\$380	
Eva Baez	Spanish & Portuguese - GSSA	Equitable and Engaged Language Classrooms: Lessons on Accommodations, Engaged Learning, and EDI (Lunch)	9/19/2024	19	299	15.7
Eva Baez	Spanish & Portuguese - GSSA	Equitable and Engaged Language Classrooms: Lessons on Accommodations, Engaged Learning, and EDI (Lunch)	9/19/2024	40	150	3.75
				Total:	\$449	

All events except Computer science event on 9/25/24 for \$200 approved and funded

V. New Business

I. GAPSA Senators - 3+1 reserve

Paul Troncozo Montes (Poli Sci) PTRONCOZO@TULANE.EDU

Olivia Shorter (Linguistics) oshorter@tulane.edu

Harper Lyon (CS) hlyon@tulane.edu

Shannon Yates- reserve (EEB) syates1@tulane.edu

II. Graduate Council - 2 (1 SSE, 1 SLA - 2nd Wednesday at 8:30, mostly on Zoom)

Barbara Lundebjerg (econ) blundebjerg@tulane.edu

Shannon Yates (EEB) syates1@tulane.edu

- III. SLA Graduate Studies Committee – 2 (report to Dr Schumacher. Tuesdays at 2:30 - 1st meeting on 9/17)
 Whitney O’Connell (CCC) woconnell@tulane.edu
 Robin Haithcoat (Studio art) rhaithcoat@tulane.edu
- IV. SSE Graduate Representative – 1
 Md. Asif Hasan (EES) mhasan2@tulane.edu
- V. OISS Liaison – 1
 Dichen wang (chem) dwang19@tulane.edu
- VI. Honor Board volunteers (technically, includes all GSSA reps): SLA and SSE 2 each.
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 Shivani Patel (CMB) spatel26@tulane.edu
 Edward Looker (CMB) elooker@tulane.edu
 Naufil Sakran (math) nsakran@tulane.edu
- VII. Faculty Award Committee – 4 members (6 hrs/ year)
 Luisa Zavala-Rodriguez (Neuro) lzavalarodriguez@tulane.edu
 Whitney O’Connell (CCC) woconnell@tulane.edu
 Olaide Adekusibe (chem) oadekusibe@tulane.edu
 David Ween (Philo) dween@tulane.edu
- VIII. Finance committee
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 Jeffrey Colgan (Philo) jcolgan@tulane.edu
 Rex Fan (Pysch) qfan3@tulane.edu
- IX. Survey committee – 2 SSE (MA and PhD) and 2 SLA (MA and PhD) – ~12 hrs/ year
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 Dylan Lucie (BME) dlucia1@tulane.edu
 David Ween (Philo) dween@tulane.edu
 Barbra Lundebjerg (econ) blundebjerg@tulane.edu
- X. Event committee
 Jordeette Cummings (history) jcumplings3@tulane.edu
 James Petros (Music) jpetros1@tulane.edu
 India Pursell (Neuro) ipursell@tulane.edu
- XI. Legislative Committee
 Yadong Li (Anthro) yli88@tulane.edu
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 Paul Troncozo Montes (Poli Sci) ptroncozo@tulane.edu
 Luisa Zavala-Rodriguez (Neuro) lzavalarodriguez@tulane.edu
- XII. Sober monitors: 5 volunteers
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 Harper Lyon (CS) hlyon@tulane.edu
 Edward Looker (CMB) elooker@tulane.edu

- VI. Old Business
- VII. Announcements
- VIII. Adjournment 8:34PM