

GSSA Assembly Meeting

Agenda

5 December 2024 / Zoom

- I. Call to order **6:02**
- II. Approval of minutes and adoption of agenda **Approved**
- III. Officer Reports
 - A. President
 - Faculty Award Announcement
Committee: Luisa Rodriguez, Whitney O’Connell, Olaide Adekusibe, David Ween (**Thanks to these hard workers!!**)
 - o **Monday 12/9 will start the call for nominations**
 - Rescheduling events and making Wavesync cancelations
 - o **Fees will still be charged if event is not canceled in wavesync**
 - o **Make sure dates are changed in wavesync when events are rescheduled**
 - B. Vice President – vp.gssa@tulane.edu
 - i. Funds Leftover from Fall: \$7,000
 - ii. Spring Events: Mixer, Trivia Night, and Rock-Climbing Event
 - iii. Reserve fund request: for additional \$5,000 to total \$12,000 for Spring Events
 - 1. **Vote to approve funds to be pulled from reserve is approved**
 - C. Treasurer – treasurer.gssa@tulane.edu
 - i. Update to Travel Reimbursement Packet
 - 1. Spring Travel Deadline Dec 15th
 - a. **Please send packets directly to Jennifer O’Brien Brown and CC treasurer**
 - b. **Keep all event correspondence (or any) with the Treasurer email**
 - c. **Expect event reimbursements at the end of the semester**
 - ii. Reminder to submit Event Reimbursements
 - iii. **Events- Current Budget= \$13,714 total (\$1,679 from Fall Semester)**

Events up to \$300

Requestor’s Name	Requestor’s Department	Event Title	Event Start Date	Estimated # of Attendees and Affiliation	Amount Requested	Per Person (\$)
India Pursell	Neuroscience	January DUNNK Meeting	1/17/2025	25	\$250	\$10
India Pursell	Neuroscience – GSSA	February DUNNK Meeting	2/7/2025	25	\$250	\$10
Hannah Eiseman	EEB	CREEP Meeting (January)	1/22/2025	20	\$299	\$14.95
Shehbaz Ahmad	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering – GSSA	Fourth Year Talk	1/9/2025	50	\$299	\$5.98
Elham Loni	PEP	PEP Grads End of Semester Gathering	12/16/2024	44	\$299	\$6.8
Elham Loni	PEP	PEP Grads Spring	1/13/2025	44	\$299	\$6.8

		Welcome Gathering				
Md Asif Hasan	Earth & Environmental Sciences – GSSA	EES Semester End Dinner	12/6/2024	19	\$300	\$15.8
Dichen Wang	Chemistry	CGSA Departmental Meeting	1/15/2025	50	300	\$6
Dichen Wang	Chemistry – GSSA	CGSA Departmental Meeting	2/5/2025	50	\$300	\$6
Katie Margerison	Art History – GSSA	Art History Networking Event w/ Visiting Grad Students from UT Austin	1/31/2025	12 visitors from UT Austin. 12 Tulane Art History grad students, 3-5 Faculty. 25-30 attendees total	\$300	\$10-\$12
				Total:	\$3,196	

Chem department representative not present for event voting so events were removed from the agenda.

Motion to form slate for all events under \$300 2nd

Motion to fund slate for all events under \$300 2nd

All events under \$300 approved and funded

Events Approved?

Final Budget: \$10,887

IV. New Business

- A. GAPSA Senator Report
 - i. \$250 coupon for cleaning fees contact President for info
- B. Graduate Council Report
- C. SLA Graduate Studies Committee Report
 - i. Very productive, but cannot talk about it next meeting in Jan
- D. SSE Graduate Representative Report
 - i. Didn't occur
- E. OISS Liaison Report
- F. International student challenges: Hannah Eiseman and Dichen Wang
 - i. Curious about the challenges that international students face
 - ii. 2 year wait reduced to 1 year wait period for driving Tulane vehicles as an international student
 - iii. Hard for international students to visit campus before they come; Thoughts? Solutions?
 - iv. Talked about moving up the acceptance date; there has been many meetings and given the political climate this issue may get worse

V. Old Business

- A. Deans have responded to SLA email but have not scheduled a date to meet yet. Possibly 12/16; Hearing that the dean is taking stipend concerns into considerations
- B. Please join because more people could mean more money
- C. Contact Jichen Shi and Barb Lundebjerg

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment 6:39 PM