

# GSSA Meeting

[2015-10-01] – [LBC]

- I. Call to Order: **6:30 PM**
- II. Approval of Minutes: **Motion, approved.**
- III. Advisor Reports
  - I. Mike Cunningham – Associate Provost for Graduate Studies and Research
    - A. **This is Mike’s first year in this position and one of his major role is to communicate with upper level TU administration about including graduate students in things, meeting with student affairs professionals to help them think of grad/professional students as a distinct population. There’s a alcohol policy - has special section for grad students. Not perfect, very broad, but protocols are a bit more specific and they may be changed if people have complaints or thoughts. Send anything on that to Exec Board. This year we had our first grad student orientation in addition to grad student TAs. Last April we hired a full time Graduate Career Advisor - Briana Mohan. Look for info at OGPS website and email us with any questions - [OGPS@tulane.edu](mailto:OGPS@tulane.edu). Briana sets up lots of wonderful workshops specifically for graduate/professional students. Three Minute Thesis: new competition this year, based on European model of doctoral students doing a thesis. You get 3 minutes, one slide to talk about your research in layman's terms to an informed audience. Hope to have cash prizes, Tulane winner will get to travel to regional competition in North Carolina in the Spring on OGPS’ dime. Also would like ideas about other kinds of workshops. Nick: “If we have a problem with a department not providing something we think they should provide, is that something we can come to you for?” Mike: “Yes. Also, I have talked to various administrators about expectations with advisors for grad students/doctoral students. You should have a meeting with your advisor to discuss how often you wat to mee. We’re setting up an evaluation form for Ph.D. grad students. Latin American Studies, Latin American Art History, CCC, Economics and Policy, Anthropology - all have Ph.D. program reviews this year. We want to hear voices of students in these departments, even if you’re a grad student and not doctoral. Any issues with advisors, departments, research positions, etc. can go through me. We want to make sure that graduate students aren’t getting exploited.” Still setting up events for the spring semester, so get in touch with our office if there is some kind of workshop or activity that you missed and want to see on the calendar in the future. Grant writing seminars: if you know anyone who’s gotten a prestigious grant, send their names to us and ask them for help.**
    - II. Ashley Robison – Senior program coordinator
      - A. **OrgSync advisor - please be considerate of new alcohol policy, must file three weeks in advance and includes any food! Ashley also handles travel stuff, which seems to be tricky for grad students. Reach out to her if you have any questions. Also, remember that accounting needs original, itemized receipts! If they do not receive them, Ashley will get a call from accounting about it and it will hold up your reimbursement check. We’re always around! Grant writing seminars have a huge demand, but they’re hard for us to put on because we work with so many different schools. It’s hard to target that kind of a broad population We encourage you to talk to your department heads to get these started so they can be more specified to your field. Downtown campuses have had great success with peer-lead workshops. [arobison@tulane.edu](mailto:arobison@tulane.edu)**
- IV. Officer Reports
  - I. President – Jacobs Jordan ([jjordan2@tulane.edu](mailto:jjordan2@tulane.edu)) - **Jake is not here tonight, had an emergency so Nick is standing in for him.**
    - A. Robert’ Rules of Order – quick guide at end of agenda
    - B. Grad & Postdoc Donut Days. 10/22 from 8:30-10:00 AM.
      - I. **Ashley, Mike, and Brianna will be there, plus lots of donuts and coffee. List of all of these dates is on**

OGPS website, linked on GSSA website under “Other events and seminars”.

C. *Three Minute Thesis Competition*. Wednesday, 11/11 at 3:00 PM. **Mike mentioned earlier.**

I. Information Session: Friday, 10/9 at 10:00 AM in McKeever Conference Room, LBC.

**I. In the basement, ask at info desk if you get lost.**

II. Awards (\$500)

**I. Some money put up to reward whoever wins the competition. Two winners: one overall winner and one people’s choice. Brianna will decide who this goes to. Motion to vote, approved, seconded. Motion passes.**

II. Vice President - Nicholas Fears ([nfears@tulane.edu](mailto:nfears@tulane.edu))

A. GSSA Event State ID and Student ID Changes

**II. Want to address this after receiving some complaints. The welcome reception was larger than expected, so ID checking was a bit lax. This won’t be the case again. Now we are interpreting alcohol policy differently and we are not allowed to check state IDs as per university rules. We are working on purchasing a card scanner we will be able to use, so we will have a list of everyone who goes to events, a firm way of tracking everyone who is there and making sure they are all grad students.**

B. GSSA Fall BBQ – October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1-4pm at NOLA Brewing Company Tap Room with McClure’s BBQ

**II. Listserv invite going out tonight. See you there!**

III. Treasurer – Jordan Adams ([jadams15@tulane.edu](mailto:jadams15@tulane.edu))

A. Event Requests

Department	Event Title	Date	Amount Requested
Anthropology	Anthropology Colloquium Reception	10/2/15	\$100.00
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Anthropology	Anthropology Colloquium Reception	10/30/15	\$100.00
Earth & Environmental Sciences	Graduate Student Meeting	10/7/15	\$175.00
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology*	Ecolunch 10/30*	10/30/15	\$50.00
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Ecolunch 11/06	11/6/15	\$50.00
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Ecolunch 11/13	11/13/15	\$50.00
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	EEB Graduate Student Meeting	10/14/15	\$125.00
Economics	Economics Graduate Student Monthly Meeting	10/2/15	\$80.00
Economics	Economics Graduate Student Monthly Meeting	11/6/15	\$80.00
History	History Department Halloween Mixer	10/23/15	\$80.00
History	History Department Colleagues-giving	11/23/15	\$250.00
Math	Mathematics Graduate Student Colloquium	10/20/15	\$60.00
Math	Mathematics Graduate Student Colloquium	10/27/15	\$60.00
Math	Mathematics Graduate Student Colloquium	11/3/15	\$60.00
Math	Mathematics Grad Student Colloquium	11/10/15	\$60.00
Math	Mathematics Grad Student Colloquium	11/17/15	\$60.00
Math	Mathematics End of Semester Celebration	12/1/15	\$120.00
Philosophy	Working-Paper Group Meeting	10/14/15	\$75.00

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Philosophy	Working-Paper Group Meeting	11/20/15	\$75.00
Spanish & Portuguese	SPANPORT Welcome Reception 2015	10/9/15	\$200.00
Spanish & Portuguese	SPANPORT department meeting	11/13/15	\$120.00

**Totals: \$2,280.00**

**\*EEB Ecolunch event on 10/30 is being stricken from the record. EEB will only be requesting funding for the Ecolab events in November and the grad student meeting.**

**Motion to vote on the events as a slate with the exception of the 10/30 Ecolunch, seconded. Motion to vote, seconded. Motion is approved.**

IV. Secretary – Abigail Nixon ([anixon1@tulane.edu](mailto:anixon1@tulane.edu))

- A. Representative list: **Email Abigail if anything on attendance sheet/website is incorrect.**
- B. Join GSSA listserv if you have not done so yet: email [LISTSERV@listserv.tulane.edu](mailto:LISTSERV@listserv.tulane.edu) from the email address you want to use, using the subject line "SUBSCRIBE GSSA-L Your Name (Your Dept/Program)"

IV. New Business

II. Special Committee on Funding policies and procedure appointments - **Because there has been some concern voiced, this committee will look at how we go about funding events and speaker funding.**

- A. Seeking volunteers to serve on an ad-hoc committee to look at GSSA's funding policy from SLA and SSE.: **Kate Elfer, Ali Enami, Ted Sawyer, Craig Alcantara**
- B. Cooper Battle (former president of GSSA) will chair committee as impartial third party
- C. Chair of the legislative committee will also sit on the committee.

V. Old Business

VI. Adjournment: **6:58 PM**

Robert's rules of order (quick reference)

- I. After a motion (funding request) is made debate may continue until the previous question (vote) is raised
  - a. If a *motion to vote immediately* is raised and seconded a vote *must* be held.
    - i. A 2/3 majority in favor ends debate
- II. If there are no further questions when asked it ends debate
- III. Calling for a motion (raising the previous question) ends debate
- IV. Voting is by division (show of hands)
  - a. A vote *must* pass by the appropriate majority
  - b. If a vote does not have majority the question can be modified and raised again.
  - c. Subsidiary motions may be made to modify the *way* the original motion is voted on, but do not *change* the original motion.
    - i. Voting as a slate, by paper ballot, etc.
- V. You may object, or Abstain from a vote.
  - a. If there are no objections or abstentions raised, a vote is considered passed unanimously
- VI. A count by the chair determines the vote.
  - a. If a member feels the tally is in error, they may call for a *point of order* and request a specific tally to be given
- VII. *Point of order*
  - a. If at any time a member of the assembly feels procedures are not being followed, they may call for a point of order
    - i. They must address the specific fault in the procedure
    - ii. They must address the Chairman in the form of a question
    - iii. They must raise the point of order immediately
    - iv. The point of order must be addressed immediately
    - v. It is a query to the chairman that the chairman answers, rules on, and moves on from.