

GSSA Meeting

[2015-12-03] – [LBC 203]

I. Call to Order: **6:31 PM**

II. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve, seconded. Motion passes.**

III. Guest Speakers

- I. Amanda Crawford and Sam Pfotenhauer: **Environmental Law Summit - GSSA co-sponsors this every year, this is the 21st. The summit is a 2 day conference that takes place Feb. 19th and 20th. It is all student run, open and free to the public. Last year there were a little under 700 attendees. 21 normal panels, 2 Continuing Legal Education (CLE) panels - on a whole host of different issues. Each will feature 2 different speakers and will be an hour and a half long. Two keynote speakers. Usually costs ~\$40,000 all together. Great for students to network. Lots of local panels so attracts community members who are interested in these topics. Two other major enviro conferences in the country - one in Oregon and one in Vermont. This is only one like this in the South. Not just for law students - all graduate students and even undergrad are welcome to come. Panel topics this year include: Genetically Modified Salmon, Sage Grouse, EPA Clean Power, Urban Farming, National Security and Climate Change, International Water Rights, Journalism, Collapse of LA Solar Tax Credits, Taken By Storm, Environmental Advocacy in NOLA, and more.**
www.tulaneenvironmentallawsummit.com - all panels and descriptions there. Usually GSSA funds 2 panels, depending on the cost of the panel - between \$1,800 and \$2,300.

IV. Advisor Reports

V. Officer Reports

- I. President – Jacobs Jordan (jjordan2@tulane.edu)

- A. Environmental Law Summit (Amanda Crawford)

- I. 21st Annual Summit on Environmental Law and Policy. **Motion to approve funding for for panel - Taken By Storm: Property Takings in Coastal Areas (\$2044.67). Seconded. Motion passes. Funding approved.**

- B. OrgSync Events

- II. No events Dec 5 – Dec 15: **Events can be held tomorrow and any time after the 16th. Do not plan anything during that time period or you will not be reimbursed. Jordan has contacted everyone who accidentally did that. They say you can get exemptions but those are mostly applied to schools with different exam periods (AKA none of us) or some kind of extremely extenuating circumstance.**

- B. Spring Semester Meetings

- I. Jan 21, Feb. 11, Mar 10, Apr 7 (Elections!), Apr 21 (New Board): **If anyone is interested in running, please come talk to us after the meeting ends.**

- C. Faculty Awards: **Jake will shortly send out an email about this - somewhat early so we can have a chance to get all the nominations in. Faculty Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching - name goes on a plaque in the Provosts office. Faculty members that have won before cannot be nominated, double check the GSSA website to see the previous award winners. Will announce the awards in the spring some time when we meet. No firm deadline for emails to be sent in for nominations yet but the deadline will be included in the email that goes out sometimes next week.**

- II. Vice President - Nicholas Fears (nfears@tulane.edu)

- A. Alcohol Addendum and Orgsync Changes: **Slight change in alcohol addendum - if you are planning an event with alcohol, you'll be sent to a page with a dropdown box with different venues listed. You can chose from these options or put in your own and have the venue sign the alcohol addendum. After they sign the form, the venue will be added to the dropdown menu for one year. Basically this means there is no more preferred vendor list that was confusing and hard to find. This should make things easier. Also, venues CANNOT alter the addendum when signing. If it is altered, it will not be accepted.**

III. Treasurer – Jordan Adams (jadams15@tulane.edu)

- A. Office hours: LAST DAY 12/10/15: **Next Thursday is last one! Jordan will be at a conference the next week and then the next week is Christmas. If you have an event you need to get paperwork in for, contact Jordan and we will work something out. Probably will be shifting office hours next semester but not 100% sure - look for an email from Jordan before the beginning of the next semester.**
- B. Event Requests - **Art History is stricken from the slate (date falls during exam period).**

Department	Event Title	Date	Amount Requested
Anthropology	Anthropology Colloquium Series	1/29/16	\$100.00
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Art History	End of Semester Event	12/8/15	\$250.00
Cell & Molecular Biology	CMB Departmental Meeting	1/15/16	\$200.00
Chemistry	Welcome back party	1/22/16	\$250.00
Earth & Environmental Sciences	Monthly Graduate Student Meeting	12/16/15	\$175.00
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	EEB Graduate Student Holiday Meeting	12/16/15	\$250.00
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	January EEB Grad Student Meeting	1/28/16	\$150.00
Economics	Economics End of the Semester Party	12/18/15	\$250.00
Economics	Economics Graduate Student Monthly Meeting	1/29/16	\$120.00
Latin American Studies	LAGO December General Meeting	12/4/15	\$125.00
Latin American Studies	LAGO Conference Pachanga Event	1/29/16	\$250.00
Math	Mathematics Graduate Student Colloquium	1/26/16	\$60.00
Math	Mathematics Graduate Student Colloquium	2/2/16	\$60.00
Math	Mathematics Graduate Student Colloquium	2/16/16	\$60.00
Math	Mathematics Graduate Student Colloquium	2/23/16	\$60.00
Math	Mathematics Graduate Student Colloquium	3/1/16	\$60.00
Math	Mathematics Graduate Student Colloquium	3/8/16	\$60.00
Math	Mathematics Graduate Student Colloquium	3/15/16	\$60.00
Math	Mathematics Graduate Student Colloquium	4/5/16	\$60.00
Math	Mathematics Graduate Student Colloquium	4/12/16	\$60.00
Math	Mathematics Graduate Student Colloquium	4/19/16	\$60.00
Totals:			\$2 820.00

Motion to vote on events as a slate (with the exception of Art History). Seconded. Motion passes. Motion to vote to approve the events. Motion seconded. Motion passes and events are approved.

C. Speaker Requests - Please send a flyer out to the listserv if you have a speaker request that gets approved to remind us all.

Department	Speaker Name	Date	Honorarium	Travel	Lodging
Anthropology	Carina Marques	3/18/16	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$85.00
Art History	Rebecca Zorach	2/24/16	\$250.00	\$485.00	\$170.00
Latin American Studies	Elliott Young	1/28/16	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$170.00
Studio Art	Cullen Washington Jr	1/27/16	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$170.00
Totals:				\$3,430.00	

Anthro: Carina Marques is a bioarcheologist, giving a detailed talk. Lots of broad interest in her coming to speak, out of NY. Giving her presentation as part of our colloquium series - money to fly her down. put her up in a hotel. Will be open to the

public and will see about department putting up the funding up front. Second speaker of the year.

Art History: Rebecca Zorach is the once-a-year speaker. It is free and open to the public, our department will pay up front.

Latin American Studies: Elliott Young will be coming to speak as a part of the LAGO Student Conference. People coming to present from Cuba, Brazil, and England. Free and open to the public, department is willing to fund up front. Department is already funding part of it. Willing to put a GSSA Logo on the flyer. Presenters will be from all different disciplines - check out LAGO.tulane.edu/conference for presenter info.

Studio Art: Move to remove from slate. Seconded. Motion approved.

Motion to vote as a slate for everything except studio art. Seconded. Motion approved. Motion to approve speakers. Seconded. Speakers approved.

II. Secretary – Abigail Nixon (anixon1@tulane.edu)

- A. Update to Constitution for Graduate Organization for French Studies (ADEEFF). **Any questions? Ali Enami: What is the change? Erika: It hadn't been looked at in many years, no major changes other than updating language and changing the name. Nothing too major at all. Department ratified update, all grad students have approved. Old name was French Graduate Student Association, now is ADEEFF. Ali: I just don't think a good idea to have a French name. Also, says you are representing French and Italian...you should not be representing Italian program. Erika: It's just for French graduate students because we only have grad students in French Studies. No graduate program for Italian Studies. Kind of a misnomer. Vote to approve. Motion seconded. One objection. Vote passes.**
- B. Sign up for GSSA Representative Listserv PLEASE. Send an email to LISTSERV@listserv.tulane.edu from the email address you want to use with the line "SUBSCRIBE GSSA-L Your Name (Your Dept/Program)" in the body of your message (no quotes). Example: SUBSCRIBE GSSA-L Abigail Nixon (Latin American Studies).

IV. New Business: **None**

V. Old Business: **None**

VI. Announcements:

I. **GAPSA - Passed resolution against the Safe Campus Act. This was proposed by a lobbying group federally, is not in effect yet. Trying to show solidarity with the undergrad student body that we do not support it. Really the only thing that would change is that if you want to use any resources on campus after sexual assault, you would have to report to the police - would prevent people from reporting sexual assault. Lots of funding from IFC, only applies to sexual assault.**

II. **Three Minute Thesis was very successful. First place winner was from OGPS, from Public Health. People's Choice was BME's Kate Elfer! If you're interested in learning more, they did a New Wave write up on it or talk to Kate about her experience. There have been talks about adding a Three Minute Thesis practice component to the colloquia series - might help get more people interested. Also a growing trend in these conferences of nanotalks - 5 minute, 3 slide sessions. Dance your Thesis?!**

VII. Adjournment: **7:14**