

# GSSA Meeting

[2016-03-10] – [LBC 203]

- I. Call to Order: **6:30 PM**
- II. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve. Seconded. Motion approved.**
- III. Guest Speakers
  - a. Rosette Elhghossain – Psychologist, Outreach Coordinator, Counseling and Psychological Services **Hi everyone! I'm a clinical psychologist here on campus and I also do all of our marketing and programming, and this is part of it - getting students acquainted with our services. I will stick around outside of the room afterwards if anyone has questions. Downtown/Across Freret, across from PJs in engineering/lab complex. Open M-F, initial session is 20-30 minutes. Fill out paperwork, tell us your concerns, we ask you some questions and then recommend a game plan. We might recommend individual therapy, which would be on campus. Everything is totally confidential, we only break confidentiality. We offer 12 total individual appointments maximum. We have a full time care coordinator who can help you with referrals. Can help figure out pricing, male or female, etc. We also have psychiatry at the Health Center and they provide medication management. If you have ADHD questions come ask me later, those are very specific. These are only uptown. We do have walk in hours, you can show up without appointments and we will have people there to talk to you. We also have a 24 hour support line - not just suicide support, you can use it for anything. Roommate problems, breakup problems, etc. Extensive group therapy program, some substance use groups, a sexual assault survivor group, stress management groups, body issues groups. We have a Graduate Student Process Group - no undergrads allowed, which can be refreshing. I'm leaving a card with a summary of everything I just talked about. Questions? Q: Can you discuss the Grad Student Group? A: A process group is essentially a space where - you are going to be yourself in any situation - say you come in with relationship issues. That's going to come up in group therapy, and the other group members will help you engage with that and grapple with it in that moment. Practicing in session helps so you can transfer those skills outside of the group. You can talk about anything in that group - doesn't have to be depression or anxiety. Q: Knowing SLA, when we stop taking the course load or it becomes less standard, we aren't required to pay the health center fee. Which part of the services that are offered there require payment and which do not? A: If you're a full time student you've already paid the fee to access all of the medical services the school offers. If you aren't full time, or you haven't paid the fee, or you have your own insurance, you can always come in for a walk in session. Come in for a consultation and say what's going on. You can always use care coordination services. You can also opt to pay the fee, and a lot of people do because a private session will be \$200. It's a pretty decent option. Q: There's no way to sub-categorize it out if you don't want or need to use the health center? A: No, I think it's just a fee. I don't think they can deny you for emergency matters.**
- IV. Advisor Reports
- V. Officer Reports
  - a. President – Jacobs Jordan ([jjordan2@tulane.edu](mailto:jjordan2@tulane.edu))

- i. Elections – 04/07/16: **Newly elected exec board will take over for the next meeting, 04-21. If you are interested in a position, come talk to us. We cannot end that meeting until all of the positions are filled. If we dont have interested people we will have to stay here all night so please come talk to us if you are interested or curious about what each position means.**
- ii. Faculty Awards Committee: **Nominations are all in. If you volunteered to sit on the Committee, you should have gotten an email from me this week. If you did not, I somehow lost your name or never got it - if you would like to sit on that, send me an email and I will send out a Doodle poll. We'll meet, convene, it will probably take an hour or two to select the recipient for this year. Email me if interested and I'll be sure to put you on the list. I will send out the packets to the Committee beforehand so we can read everything before the meeting.**
- b. Vice President – Nicholas Fears ([nfears@tulane.edu](mailto:nfears@tulane.edu))
  - i. June Trivia – Bruno’s Tavern - \$1000: **Request for June Trivia. Don’t have the date set yet because I want to leave it open to show the new VP how to set that up and do it. I wanted to go ahead and get the money reserved and off the books so we know where we are with our spending in this fiscal period. Motion to approve. Seconded. Motion passes.**
- c. Treasurer – Jordan Adams ([jadams15@tulane.edu](mailto:jadams15@tulane.edu))
  - i. Budget Committee meeting – if there is interest in holding one for the 2016 – 2017 meeting, contact Jordan. **This is where budget presented to GAPSA is determined. Not much change from year to year. Email Jordan if you’re interested and she will send out a poll to set a time.**
  - ii. Interested in being Treasurer? Contact Jordan for more info.
  - iii. Fall 2015 Reimbursement issues – if you haven't received a reimbursement from up to December 2015, Accounting has been having issues and you **MUST** contact Jordan to resolve it. **Snafus in accounting. Contact Jordan ASAP - she doesn’t know you didn’t get reimbursed unless you have told her. If, for some reason, you have an outstanding reimbursement you haven’t been paid on, please contact her. Q: What’s the liklihood that a department hasn’t been reimbursed through an IT? A: Not sure, will have to double check with Jordan to see if there were issues with that or not. Those are typically more streamlined, it’s not the same situation you run into with accounting when they cut a check. Reminder - GSSA Funds cannot be used to pay for alcohol if the event is not registered to be an event WITH ALCOHOL. Must be approved as such. There are other avenues to register events beside OrgSync, but grad students with events paid for by GSSA funds must go through OrgSync and our advisor. Not on Jordan’s agenda but I’m bringing it up because it has come up. Be mindful of that. Ask me any questions after the meeting.**
  - iv. Event Requests – total requested \$1780

Department	Event	Date	Amount
Anthropology	Colloquium Reception	4/01/16	\$100.00

Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Department Dinner	4/21/16	\$250.00
Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	Post-Quals Social	5/28/16	\$250.00
Earth & Environmental Sciences	Graduate Student Meeting	3/16/16	\$175.00
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Ecolunch 3/11/2015	3/11/16	\$60.00
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Graduate Student Meeting	3/17/16	\$150.00
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Graduate Student Meeting	4/14/16	\$150.00
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Ecolunch 4/1	4/1/16	\$60.00
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Ecolunch 4/8	4/8/16	\$60.00
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Stats Lunch	3/17/16	\$20.00
History	History Speaker Reception	3/16/16	\$150.00
History	History Spring Meeting	4/6/16	\$175.00
Latin American Studies	LAGO Monthly Meeting	3/14/16	\$120.00
Neuroscience	D.U.N.K. Meeting	3/18/16	\$80.00
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**Anthro: Funds for snack food after colloquium. This was tabled at the last meeting because we weren't sure about the date.**

**Chem E: Two events - first is faculty/staff/student dinner, about 50 people. Fees will only pay for student foods. Department is paying for part. Social is for first year students who have their Quals Exams in May.**

**EES: Monthly grad student meetings about departmental business.**

**EEB: Three ecolunches, grad students will be giving talks. Will be requesting funds for our last two grad student meetings. Also have our weekly stats lunch. Pretty much everything we're doing for the rest of the semester.**

**History: Spring meeting to talk once a semester. Also requesting funds for food for a speaker reception.**

**LAST: Lunch meeting for LAGO, introducing new exec board and proposals for next year. Buying lunch for members.**

**Neuro: Monthly grad student meeting. Each month a different lab presents their data. Money is for coffee and donuts.**

**Motion to vote as a slate. Seconded. Motion to vote. Slate passes.**

v. Speaker Requests

Department	Speaker	Date	Amount
History	Elaine LeFay	3/16/16	\$450.00

**This is for travel - coming in from UPenn, current Mellon Dissertation Fellow. Currently a Ph.D. candidate but research is very exciting. Working on connection between winds, public health, and treatments in Antebellum South. Could appeal to many fields. Will be a workshop setting. Q: Coming in on the 16th or what? A: Presentation is on the 16th. Q: Can we get more info since it appeals to lots of students? A: I have the info here. Thought I sent this out - will resend. Send it to one of us. Q: How far along is she? A: Very close. She's very deep in the research going from archive to archive. Q: Is department helping out? A: No. Q: Just travel, no lodging? A: Yes. Gotten all the paperwork worked out with her. She's paying so we had to have all the forms in line.**

**Motion to approve. Seconded. Motion approved.**

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

VI. New Business

VII. Old Business

VIII. Announcements

- a. **Danny Sullivan, GAPSA Pres - at the next GAPSA meeting elections will be held, March 15. We have a nominations committee, so send me an email. We're looking for everyone for the state - interested in secretary, getting your voice on the graduate board, we're also looking for an events manager as a VP spot...kind of like what Nick does here but events are a lot larger. If you're interested shoot me an email.**
- b. **Grad Council has been postponed from our usual early month meeting. Reviewers for the programs under review are coming in March 30 so we will let you know.**
- c. **Where does budget stand? ~\$3000 with everything taken out. We have \$3000 left, before we dip into the reserve (which we try not to do), but compared to years past we are well ahead of where we were. Mostly because we funded less speakers this year. Don't have firm numbers yet**
- d. **Inter-Library Loan issues? Some people in ILL were forced to retire and now there are less people working there and we're feeling the impact of that because we request a lot of materials and they're not being able to find it for us. Not sure if that is a problem for everyone. This is a service we really use so it has an impact. We wanted to share this to see if anyone was having the same problems - maybe we could send a letter or something. Jacobs: We can reach out to the librarians who came to talk to us in January. Q: Didn't we just do a Grad Student Library Committee? A: Yes. We'll look for the list. We'll email Raquelle, or you can write her [rhorlick@tulane.edu](mailto:rhorlick@tulane.edu). She might not be SLA but she can put you in touch with who you need to talk to. If you're having problems, email them - might be that it just got lost in the process.**
- e. **Volunteers needed! Huge high school robotics tournament - we need "youthful adults" who can stand up and walk around with ease and then command high school students. We need volunteers Thursday and Friday as long as possible, and Saturday. If you're in SSE you got a desperate email - if you're not in SSE but by some miracle you can volunteer, come talk to Kate E.. You'd be helping with field setup, resetting the field every 15 minutes, team queuing, defense coordinator/runner, etc.**
- f. **Hasn't been a major problem, but we've had a few issues with students trying to lie about when their conference is if they've requested funding. We will catch that. So if your conference is in April and you forgot to apply, don't request funding and tell us your conference is in June. We can Google your conference name. Especially don't do it if you apply and we deny you and then you apply again with the wrong date. Be aware with the fact that that really bothers Ashley. Make life easier on her and everyone else. Don't lie. If for some reason we don't catch it and you get approved, and then when it gets audited and the dates are checked and don't match, it will get caught and you won't get anything. There's a three step process for reimbursement and one of those would catch it.**
- g. **If you have paperwork/packets, there is a two week deadline to hand those in. If you are taking three or four weeks to hand those in, that's a problem. Jordan has been very nice about taking them but try to get ahold of her ASAP to turn those in.**

IX. Adjournment: 7:06 PM