GSSA Meeting

[2016-04-21] – [LBC 203]

I.   Call to Order: **6:30**

II.   Approval of Minutes

      Minutes Approved

III. Guest Speakers

    a. Eric Wedig – Chief Bibliographer, Social Sciences and Government Publications and 2016-2017 GSSA-Library Liasion

       Coordinates acquisitions for social sciences in texts and materials

       Wedig@tulane.edu feel free to contact

       Library spaces (graduate carrels and collaborate spaces):

           Music spaces moving to 6th floor

           Large area on 2nd floor likely to become shared or open carrels

           Materials moved out of 2nd floor to open more study and carrel space

       Interlibrary Loan: should be improved

           Struggled due to staff reduction (15%) – being replaced this summer

           Will create list of sources (lending libraries) that will lend for longer time period

       Workshops intended to be continued over the summer

       Pub night instead of general Grad student open house – may be open to this idea

IV.   Advisor Reports

      None

V.   Officer Reports

    a. President – Kate Elfer (kelfer@tulane.edu)

        i. No events may be held during the finals exam period (April 29th - May 7th)

           This includes the 27th and 28th Study period without specific exemption (take several months)

       ii. Fall Meeting Dates: September 8th (LBC 203), October 6 (LBC 202), November 3 (LBC 203), December 1 (LBC 203)

      iii. Funding Breakdown for 2015-2016

Still accumulating some funding for current events approved tonight and travel awards for summer

Will be another, more complete presentation in Fall

Budget breakdown and GSSA representatives listed reviewed (email with any questions or for additional information, will also be presented in depth in fall)

b. Vice President – Samantha Lantz (slantz@tulane.edu)

    i. Summer trivia-volunteers to help host (May, June, July)

    Need someone to play music

    Someone to read questions

    Events committee meeting with coffee

    Email Sam if you are willing/able to help

    ii. Funding summer trivia: $1000/night, July 21, Sept 1, Sept 29

    Funding for $3000 approved, 1 abstention, 0 opposed

    iii. Reminder: Crawfish boil tomorrow!

    6pm at Richardson Academic Quad

    Need grad student ID and you can bring non-Tulane non-Undergrad guest

    iv. Welcome reception $1500

    Wine and Cheese reception, same as last year

    Cohost with OGPS

    Funding approved unanimously

c. Treasurer – Farihah Haque (fhaque@tulane.edu)

    Office hours by request - email

    i. Event Requests – total requested $1100

Department	Event	Date	Amount
Cell & Molecular Biology	CMB Start-of-Semester Grad Student Social	02Sept2016	$250
Psychology	Psychology Summer BBQ	04June2016	$250

Psych event in June is this fiscal year – money pulled from reserved
    BBQ at the Fly with catering from McClur's
    Funding approved to be removed from reserve and event approved
CMB event is for next fiscal year
    Welcome reception for new PhD students
    Funding approved
Fiscal year ends on June 30, reserve currently contains over $100,000
    Often money requested from reserve

Any unused student activity fees go into reserve

Events over $250:

Department	Event	Date	Amount
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering	CHE Bowling Night	30June2016	$600

Most students are present during the summer, social for graduate students
35 people in department, not all excepted to attend, around 30 expected
  Will do sign up
  Gauged interest prior to requesting funds
  Rock and Bowl requires you pay for 80% of funds irrelevant of attendance
Money will need to be taken from reserve
Motion to move event to next fiscal year
Funding for next fiscal year approve
  ii. Speaker Requests

Department	Speaker	Date	Amount

d. Secretary – Lydia Crawford (lcrawfo2@tlulane.edu)

VI. New Business

Conference Attending awards:

  61 requested in last 2 year, only 30 actually used
    Possibly due to funds being too low to actually attend
  Once funds allocated, they cannot be reallocated
    Funds pulled from other students who present at conferences
  10% requested amount last semester, 5% this semester
  GSSA only group that provides attending awards, OGPS does not supplement (do supplement presenting awards)
  Possible solution: limit attending awards to only those within 2 years of graduation
    Beneficial for networking/interviews
    Some departments have attend requirements for each year
      Should that be on the department to fund?
      Psych does not require this, but aids in training hours required for graduation (dept offers $200 for conference, $500 for training)
    Lottery for attending awards for just X number for higher amount?
      Could make attending awards higher than presenting

Is this a critical to any departments?

    Psychology and Math used frequently

Add line on the website about average amount funded to manage expectations for both presenting and attending and that you are taking funding from other students if you don't use it, warning of penalty for not using

Previous students were banned for the rest of their academic career if they didn't use it - people were more cautious about applying

    Also considered pretty harsh

Motion to table: 4 approve, Motion fails

Add document to review information attached to agenda so reps can be informed – include funding information by department (could be inappropriate or poor representation) could provide each department with their own funding information

Motion to make department travel funding usage (# people applied and used):

Passed unanimously

Subcommittee to come up with several options and vote from there

Motion to maintain attending award:

    Amendment: make a committee to discuss next year (rejected)

        OR: Long term approval (accepted)

    Attending funding approved indefinitely, 3 votes opposed

VII.   Old Business

    a.   Proposal to combine joint departmental events under one form

        Motion to approve: Passes, 1 abstention

VIII.   Announcements

IX.   Adjournment **7:58**

CHE Bowling Night Budget:

Item	Detail	Price	Quantity/ Person	Attendees ~30
Bowling Ticket	Included: 2 1/2 hr bowling, bowling shoe rental, finger foods, soda	$20	1	$600
Finger Foods	Included: Pepperoni Pizza Tray, Buffalo Wing Tray, Fried Seafood Tray, Mozzarella Stick Tray	Included in Ticket	1	0