

GSSA Meeting

[2016-09-08] – [LBC]

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

II. Approval of Minutes

I. **No corrections, approved as is**

III. Guest Speaker: Dr. Mike Cunningham, GSSA Advisor

**Associate Provost of Graduate Studies and Research and our advisor**

**OGPS Donut Days will be starting this fall!**

**Coordinator (new Ashley): Jennifer will start Friday (9/9/16)**

**Contact at [ogps@tulane.edu](mailto:ogps@tulane.edu)**

IV. Officer Reports

I. President – Kate Elfer ([kelfer@tulane.edu](mailto:kelfer@tulane.edu))

A. Welcome to GSSA

**New standing to speak order, no objections, no abstentions, motion approved**

**Introduction of Officers**

**Presentation powerpoint available which covers all introductory materials, all materials are also available online at the GSSA website and in the Training Document that every representative received**

**Question about Travel Funding: 98% of travel funding comes from GSSA**

B. Review or Representative Training Document

C. Tulane Resources for Graduate Students

**Library having open house (THURSDAY SEPT 15, 5:30-7PM 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR GALLERY), having grad student only study area, workshops available, pamphlets, RSVP:**  
<http://tulane.libcal.com/event.php?id=1155438>

**Brianna - OGPS workshops lists available on GSSA website, also couples counseling**

**Shuttle schedule also available**

D. Fall 2016 Travel Awards Updates

**More requests than there is funding for, OGPS matches a portion of our funding**

**Funding database crashed following Tulane website update, finally fixed, you may get questions about it, send to Treasurer or President if people haven't received any information**

E. 3 Minute Thesis - \$500 requested

**November 9<sup>th</sup>, people's choice award (also funded through OGPS, and catered)**

**Any PhD student can participate**

**Motion to fund, none oppose or abstain, motion approved**

II. Vice President Sam Lantz (slantz@tulane.edu)

A. Fall welcome reception is tomorrow! Sept 9, LBC Kendall Cram 5:30-8:30

**Wine and Cheese, distribute to your department**

B. Fall Trivia – \$1000/each – September 29, October 20, November 17 – Bruno’s Tavern

**Motion to fund, none opposed or abstain, motion approved**

C. Fall BBQ - \$2000 - NOLA Brewery Tap Room and McClure’s BBQ – tentative date Oct 22

**Motion to fund, none opposed or abstain, motion approved**

D. GSSA Fall Colloquium-email slantz if you are interested

**No events set yet due to mixed attendance in previous years, food provided and people give talks about their research**

**If there is interest, they will be organized, otherwise may not occur – email Sam!**

III. Treasurer – Fariyah Haque (fhaque@tulane.edu)

A. Event Requests

Department	Event Title	Date	Amount Requested
Neuroscience	D.U.N.K. Meeting	9/9/2016	\$80.00
French/Italian	ADEEFF Welcome Dinner	9/17/2016	\$250.00
Earth & Environmental Sciences	Monthly Graduate Student Meeting	9/14/2016	\$175.00
Math	Math Graduate Student Colloquium	9/13/2016	\$60.00
Math	Math Graduate Student Colloquium	9/20/2016	\$60.00
Math	Math Graduate Student Colloquium	9/27/2016	\$60.00
Math	Math Graduate Student Colloquium	10/4/2016	\$60.00
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	September EEB Grad Student Meeting	9/14/2016	\$150.00
Chemistry	Chemistry Departmental Meeting	9/29/2016	\$80.00
Chemistry	Chemistry Departmental Meeting	10/12/2016	\$80.00
Economics	Graduate Economics Student Monthly Meeting	9/23/2016	\$120
Economics	Graduate Economics Student Monthly Meeting	10/21/2016	\$120
Economics	Graduate Economics Student Monthly Meeting	11/11/2016	\$120

**Total: \$1415.00**

**Neuroscience – monthly meeting for department, no questions**

**ADEEFF – only event for the semester, food and drink at Dat Dog, Having on Frenchmen because they’re French, and a fun place**

**EENS – monthly grad student meeting, funds for food**

**Math – Weekly colloquium where grad students give talks, fund for pizza and soda, having every week, approximately 20 attend out of ~45 students,**

**EEB – September grad student meeting, funds for food,**

**General Question: How many students are in each department to get an idea of how much money we should give them, info is in training document with the financial info**

**Chemistry – monthly meeting, funds for food, 20-40 attendance**

**Economics – monthly meeting, funds for food, ~25 in attendance**

**Questions: requests needed to be submitted 4 days in advance, as long as events are after meeting its okay however**

**Questions: How much should we fund for monthly meetings, look at how much departments put in vs spend, also attendance at meetings**

**Motion to vote on list as slate, none opposed or abstain, motion approved**

**Motion to approve, none opposed or abstain, motion approved**

IV. Secretary – Lydia Crawford (lcrawfo2@tulane.edu)

I. Review of Department Status

II. New Constitutions:

A. Cell and Molecular Biology

**Old one didn't fit the needs of dept,**

B. Chemistry

**Very old constitution, now reps must be exec board, can now do anonymous electronic voting**

C. Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

**Language cleaned up, term limits of 2 consecutive years**

D. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

**Updating to reflect current protocols, adding new exec positions**

**Motion to approve all as a slate, none opposed, none abstain, motion approved**

**Motion to approve, none opposed or abstain, motion approved**

III. University-Wide Committees

A. Associated Student Body Representatives (5) *need 3*

**Leila Pashazanusi, Devon Bowser, Robyn Brooks**

B. Graduate and Professional Student Association Representatives (5) *need 3*

**Leila Pashazanusi, Devon Bowser, Robyn Brooks**

C. Provost's Office-Graduate Council (2) *need 1 SLA and 1 SSE*

**SLA: Ali Enami (cannot attend due to time conflict, declines) Nathan Wendte (Wind-tee)**

**SSE: Kate Elfter (will continue)**

IV. SLA Committees

A. SLA Graduate Studies Committee (2)

**Andrew Abdalian, Sara Kittleson**

B. SLA Graduate Honor Board (up to 16)

**Jennifer Miller, Daniel Tigard, Marco Fisher, Aja Roberts, Khystyne Tschinkel, Arianna King, Diego \*\*\*, Ali Enami,**

V. GAPSAs/University Senate - Optional: to be voted on at GAPSAs

A. Academic Freedom and Responsibility of Students Committee (1)

**Ted Sawyer**

B. Athletics Committee (1)

**Nick Hodges**

C. Assessment Committee (1)

**Molly Payne**

D. Budget Committee (1)

**Davette Gadison**

- E. Educational Policy Committee (1 graduate student)  
**Nick Fears**
  - F. Equal Opportunity and Institutional Equity Committee (2)  
**Fariyah Haque, Davette Gadison**
  - G. Information Technology Committee (1)  
**Angela Crist**
  - H. Libraries Committee (1)  
**Anna-Morgan Leonards**
  - I. Physical Facilities Committee (1 Uptown, 1 Downtown)  
**Joe Ramsey**
  - J. Social Issues Committee (1 graduate student)  
**Kate Elfer**
  - K. Campus Health/Health Insurance Student Advisory Committee (4 Uptown, 4 Downtown)  
**Jessica Motherwell, Chastain Anderson**
  - L. (Possible) Crime and Safety Committee (1)  
**Dan Culling**
- VI. GSSA Standing Committees – email me to let me know if you want to be on Events, Legislative, or Budget
- A. Email Lydia ([lcrawfo2@tulane.edu](mailto:lcrawfo2@tulane.edu)) to join any of these committees
  - B. Events committee: Bethany Stone, Fariyah Haque

IV. New Business

A. Graduate Student Payroll Issues

**There have been problems with getting accurate paycheck on the proper timeline**

**Committee to review payroll issues created, try to fix them, create FAQs for website**

**Survey:**

**<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgDCnSURtyAXLkqOIZQmhkMHZJASlykPF2II5wE4Ks9WwjGg/viewform?c=0&w=1>**

**Chastain Anderson, Dawn Westoff (dwestof@tulane.edu), Lydia Crawford**

**Please speak to your department and send Lydia names of anyone interested in joining**

B. GAPSA Library Advisory Board

**Jelle Scheurman**

C. Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Coalition (SVPEC)  
**theWELL working toward reducing sexual violence on campus**

**Sept 13 – short meeting with refreshments**

**Devon Bowser wants more information**

**Roseanna Gossman**

D. Travel Funding Info

**Breakdown of expenses by department sent to each department, specifics only provided for your own department based on last meetings' minutes**

**Travel evaluated 3 times a year, funding for last summer rollover not tallied yet**

**Funding breakdowns not available yet**

VI. Old Business

A. Treasurer Elections

**Paolo Suanting**

**Motion to vote, none opposed or abstain, Motion passes**

VII. Announcements:

**A. Women and Science and Engineering – talk to Kate if interested**

**B. Tell Kate if interested – LGBT and Allies Meeting Reiss conference room 1<sup>st</sup> floor LBC**

VIII. Adjournment: **8:31**