

GSSA Meeting

[2016-11-03] – [LBC]

- I. Call to Order **6:33**
- II. Approval of Minutes **Approved**
- III. Guest Speakers: 2017 Tulane Environmental Law Summit: Alex DeGuilio

Student run and funded summit, run for 20 years, 100 speakers, 2 days of panels, March

\$1200-1700 – pay for speakers, their travel, food, etc

Motion to fund \$1700 to the summit, seconded

3 opposed, 0 abstain, 43 approve - motion passes

Jennifer: travel packet issues

Checklist: Use legal name, address is your mailing address, include proof of presentation, must submit 2 paper clipped (not staples) packets and be sure to keep a copy for yourself, original receipts on a white sheet of paper (taped for scanning or copies), include award for GSSA email, and please put your name with your signature

Itemized reimbursement form: need student ID number, do NOT need SSN, amount for reimbursable expenses needs to be the same as the amount awarded

Any issues result in delays on getting reimbursed, which is obviously not great for anyone

IV. Officer Reports

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

- A. Report a concern: <http://tulane.edu/concerns/>

Also available through Gibson, can report a concern about absolutely anything/anyone (including undergrads, other grad students, or your professor)

- B. No Events during Finals Period: Dec 12-20. Study Period is not recommended: Dec 10-11th.

Study period events must go through department to be reimbursed

- C. GSSA Travel Request Deadline December 15

Reps are responsible for reminding departments, no GSSA listserv email will be sent

- D. Spring Dates: Jan 26, Feb 9, March 2, April 6, April TBA – **27 room 202**

- E. GAPSAs Mixer – November 4th, Generations Hall, 8pm-1am

Bring your ID and 21+ ID, no undergrad IDs

- F. Three Minute Thesis, November 9, 2-4pm, LBC Kendall Cram

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

- A. BBQ and colloquium were successful

- B. **Trivia on the 17th**

IV. Treasurer – Paolo Suating

- A. Recap on voting process
Oppose then abstain then agree
Abstain means withdrawing self from voting pool (if 20 of 46 people abstain, then 14 is required for majority)
Quorum = 1/2 + 1 number of voting members present, abstaining doesn't affect quorum
43 voting reps, full majority is 43 plus exec
Agree = pass motion, oppose = don't pass motion
- B. **Please include your name on packets so we know who the rep signing it**
You have to sign your own name, please be sure to catch any issues
- C. Event Requests

Department	Event Title	Date	Amount Requested
CHEM	Departmental Meeting	07/12/2016	\$80.00
CELL	2nd Semester Meeting	17/11/2016	\$180.00
EENS	ESGA Monthly Meeting	09/11/2016	\$175.00
EENS	ESGA Monthly Meeting	30/11/2016	\$175.00
LAST	Monthly Meeting	04/11/2016	\$150.00
LAST	Monthly Meeting	02/12/2016	\$150.00
NSIP	DUNK Meeting	18/11/2016	\$60.00
NSIP	DUNK Meeting	09/12/2016	\$60.00
EEBI	Holiday Party	09/12/2016	\$250.00
PHIL	Working Paper Group	05/12/2016	\$125.00
CHEB	Holiday Party	03/12/2016	\$668.00
Total:			2073.00

Motion to vote on all events under \$250 as a slate 0 opposed/abstain, 46 approve motion passes

Motion to fund the slate: 0 opposed/abstain, motion passes – events funded

CHEB Line Listing

Number of attendees 25

Item	Per Person	Total	Total + Taxes and gratuity
Alcohol Bar + Games (Pool, Ping-Pong, Darts, Shuffle Board)	12	300	390
Food (catering from Whole Foods)			
Salad		30	
Mini Pinwheels		30	
Pulled Pork		50	
Eggplant Parmesan		50	
Buffalo Wings		45	
Cookies		16	
Non-alcoholic drinks		10	

Napkins, cups, plates, and utensils		15	
Food Total	10	246	278
Total			668

Motion to vote on event: 1 opposed, 6 abstain, 39 in favor - motion passes

D. Speaker Request(s)

Department	Speaker	Date	Honorarium	Travel	Lodging	Total
Latin American Studies	Cassandra White, PhD	27/01/2017	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$170.00	\$870.00

Motion to fund in full: 1 absention, 45 approve – motion passes

Also will be funded through Stone Center

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

A. GSSA-L Listserv

IV. New Business

A. Grad council passed the Maternity Leave and Planned Leave for Grad Students

Includes leave for people who need your care or for medical need, handled through disability and accessibility office (or student affairs), request leave

Advisor, department, then school responsible for ensuring you make as much money as you would have made if you were working

8 weeks total

Available on disability affairs website, student affairs, and SSE and SLA websites

B. CELT: Grad students welcome at faculty lunches and workshops

undergrads will be able to list you as advisor when requesting funding

working on making Research Days for SLA

VI. Old Business

A.

VII. Announcements

A. **National French Week next week – lots of events, French meals at Bruff on Wednesday, trivia and games, flyer will be posted on GSSA facebook page**

B. **Nick working to create list of landlords that are good for grad students and senior undergrads**

C. **Enhanced undergrad-grad relationship in EENS, if you have insights, reach out to Dan Culling (dculling@tulane.edu)**

VIII. Adjournment 7:46