

GSSA Meeting

[2016-12-01] – [LBC]

- I. Call to Order **6:30**
- II. Approval of Minutes **Approved**
- III. Guest Speakers: Meredith Smith, Title IX Coordinator

Her door is always open, downstairs LBC suite G02

Climate survey on sexual assault – participants' names will be put in for prizes

Important for quantitative analysis of current campus situations, victimization rates, resource usage and knowledge, higher rise groups (includes grad students, significantly higher rates of sexual harassment (~50% of grad students felt harassed by peer in previous study at Oregon)), etc etc

Learn more: “Still second class: sexual harassment of graduate students”

Some portions of analysis will focus specifically on grad students

Every student will receive climate survey (created by sexual violence researchers) 25 min long survey

Prizes: enter raffles for gift cards (Amazon, book store, lift), beats headphones, ipads, grand prize (free annual parking pass for uptown and down, reserved study room for all finals week, blazers club season ticket, annual meal plan), highest participation grad school gets free food (GSSA, Law, Med)

Sent out Jan 30, data presentation at Shifting Paradigm Sept 2017

Will create action plan based on results and announce in Sept

Focus on ending sexual discrimination, harassment, and violence on campus

Working so people know who to go to (Meredith) and that you will be protected and help

Make environment safer and more fair

Title IX may be impacted by new gov administration – more heavily enforced since 2011, could be lost moving forward so incentive for university may be impacted

Tulane policy will be providing rights and not removing policies based on gov oversight changes

IV. Officer Reports

- I. President – Kate Elfer (kelfer@tulane.edu)
 - A. Foundation Directory Online Professional Subscription via the Tulane Library:
<https://fconline-foundationcenter-org.libproxy.tulane.edu/search/member-index>
Premium Subscription
 - B. Graduate-Only Study Area is open in the Howard-Tilton Library
Second floor of library
 - C. Spring GSSA Meeting Dates: January 26, February 9, March 2, April 6, April 27 (New Board)
Reach out to any Exec member if you're interested in a position
 - D. Last donut days Dec 8 at 9am in Richardson 107

- E. GSSA Faculty Awards – first call for nominations (one from SSE, one from SLA) will be sent out next week. Committee members needed.

Cannot win award twice – list of winners available online

Committee members can pitch for the person they want!

Likely convene in early February

- F. Tell constituents to confirm (not just registered) they are registered full time on Jan 4th and Jan 11th (email will be sent)

Through Gibson

Need to check on both days to make sure you don't get kicked out of enrollment

Prevents taxes being taken out or paychecks being missed

- G. Travel Award Requests Due December 15th

- II. Travel Award Review following the meeting

- III. **SSE and SLA deans awards available, some departments offer funding, some professors, volunteer discounts**

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

- A. Trivia. (\$3000) February 16, March 23, April 20. (No Jan trivia)

- B. Rock 'N Bowl. (\$3500) February 8th

There will be music, RSVP for 150 people

- C. Crawfish Boil. (\$15,000). Mr Mudbug. April 21. (April 22 is Crawfest, but April 14 is Easter break)

2000 lb crawfish, 175lb of boiled potatoes, 100lbs boiled sausage, 25 cases soda and water, 6 kegs beer

Motion to approve all funding event: 1 abstention, 38 approve, motion passes

IV. Treasurer – Paolo Suating

- A. **Office hours will be held until the 17th at SOC Mondays 1-3**

- B. Event Requests

Department	Event Title	Date	Amount Requested
CELL	ATCG 1 st Semester Meeting	02/Feb/2017	\$180.00
ECON	Monthly Meeting	27/Jan/2017	\$120.00
ECON	Monthly Meeting	24/Feb/2017	\$120.00
ECON	Monthly Meeting	17/Mar/2017	\$120.00
EENS	ESGA Monthly Meeting	07/Dec/2016	\$175.00
LAST	LAGO Conference Pachanga	28/Jan/2017	\$250.00
CHEM	End-of-Semester Celebration	09/Dec/2016	\$750.00
Total:			\$1715.00

Motion to approve those below \$250 as a slate: 0 oppose/abstain, 39 approve - motion approved

CHEM Line Listing

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Extended Price
2	Alfredo full pan	75	150
2	Grilled Chicken marsala	100	200
2	Savoury Cheesecake crabmeat and brie 9 inch	85	170
3	Caesar salad	50	150
1	Non-chocolate lover tray	25	25
1	Just enough sweet tray	25	25
2	Petite pastries (mini cheesecake and brownies)	30	60
Total			780

Note: Total cost exceeds the requested amount; department will pay extra

Motion to approve: 0 oppose/abstain, 39 approve, motion passes

C. Speaker Requests

Department	Speaker	Date	Honorarium	Travel	Lodging	Total
ANTH	Benjamin Collins, PhD	24/Feb/2017	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$85.00	\$785.00

Motion to fund: 0 oppose/abstain, 39 approve – motion passes

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

A. Out of town for Jan meeting

Sarah Khalil will cover

IV. New Business

A. You are now on the listserv. If anyone replaces you, make sure they get on the listserv

B. Shuttles and Transportation: GAPSA, Student Affairs and Shuttles and Transportation will discuss possible solutions to current issues this Spring.

Email Kate Elfer (kelfer@tulane.edu) with any standing complaints.

Specific complaints can be sent to via the Tulane Concerns Form or directly to Shuttles and Transportation.

C. Switching Travel from PHP database to using google docs

D. Graduate student reorientation

Comments:

Continue to have reorientation with speakers from healthcare, Title IX, financial aid, wellness, library, EEO

Change date from before beginning of semester to during semester***

Having everything together could be too intimidating/too much commitment

Itinerary could benefit deciding whether to go

Smaller room

Stand-alone sessions throughout semester

Could be more helpful/better attended

Branding of reorientation – limited attendance due to already attending an orientation

Often spend several hours

Cancel reorientation

Office hours for each topic so you know you can contact someone at a specific time

Panel with Question and Answer only or FAQ, no talking for 20 min, then break out with every organization in a large room and available for talking (with donuts), break out session announced in advance, FAQ sheets and answers available at tables

E. We will get a copy of workshops to review before its finalized for feedback

F. Mentor and Live with undergrads (in addition to the RA on the floor), more attached to residence living communities – is there any interest in that?

There is interest is there is a more apartment set up or some separation from undergrads, can't be a regular dorm set up (need kitchen, alcohol available, private bathroom)

Need to have clear responsibilities and time expectations (like faculty in residence)

Diversity and learning community has this available – very rarely have applicants

Would increase housing on campus for grad students and increase undergrad retention

V. Old Business

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VI. Adjournment 7:54