

# GSSA Meeting

[2017-01-26] – [LBC]

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

II. Approval of Minutes **Approved**

III. Guest Speakers: Eric Wedig, wedig@tulane.edu. Howard-Tilton Memorial Library Chief Bibliographer, Social Sciences and Government

**New spaces in the library – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floor. New graduate student only space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, ID card access, not reserved, quiet study space. Also new furniture on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor – 75-100 new seats. Ongoing plans for more accommodations. Foundation directory online lets you look up grants.**

**Many workshops this Spring, including funding grants, finding opportunities in research (early March), introduction to navigating science scholarship.**

**Library advisory board might have meetings in the evening, to get feedback and recommendation from students.**

**If there are resources the library doesn't have (journals, databases, books), please let them know!**

**New security at the library – after 8pm you have to have a Tulane OR affiliated ID, after 1am you have to have a Tulane ID (students, faculty, staff). You can still get in if you forgot your card, security can verify your ID.**

IV. Officer Reports

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

A. Proposed change to the Unified Graduate Honor Code

**Addition, in the cases of academic dishonesty, lower of grade is possible (previously, the student would receive a 0 on the course – F on your transcript. Graduate students would be dismissed from their program). This change is for small offenses (at the discretion of a committee, but the Dean makes the final decision), and would result in a lowered grade. Students from other cultures might not have the same ideas of academic integrity than what Americans are taught.**

**Motion- 0 oppose, 7 abstain, 36 approve - motion passes**

B. The Tulane Sexual Climate Survey will go live this week (January 28th)

Competition against other schools

**Lots of prizes! Will come out this Saturday or Sunday. Please fill it out – only take 20-25 mins.**

**Prizes include free coffee, parking passes (uptown and downtown), Fitts for a day.**

**If we have enough people fill out, we get free snowballs!**

C. Revised funding application system and travel itemization expense form

**We are using Google Forms now. Email Kate if you find any problems. Links will be on the website.**

**GSSA itemization form should be easier to fill out.**

D. Versatile PhD Mid-Year Usage Update

**OGPS/Tulane Career Resources is subscribed to this. Paid in part by GSSA - \$1000. Not many people are using it this year (half the people from last year). Tell your constituents about it.**

E. Elections April 6th

**2 people have approached for joining the Eboard.**

**Sam is graduating – we need a new VP!**

**Paolo is taking apprentices**

**You can also follow Kate around!**

F. GSSA Faculty Awards Nominations – March 8<sup>th</sup> – can be emailed to Sam or Kate

**Forward the email that was sent to GSSA rep list serve to your constituents. We need more nominations (currently have 2).**

G. Environmental Law Summit

**We need votes by tomorrow 8am!**

**Top choices are Shark Week (sponsor fully) and Presidential Administration (sponsor in part).**

**The summit wants more help – GSSA members can help organize it. Email Sam if anyone is interested!**

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

A. Trivia: February 16, March 23, April 20. (No Jan trivia)

B. Rock ‘N Bowl: February 8<sup>th</sup>

**RSVP is full – if you still want to go, email Sam and you will be put on a waitlist. Good chance everyone who wants to go will be able to go. If you volunteered to help check people in, Sam will send you an email soon. Includes food, wine and beer, and bowling.**

C. Crawfish Boil: April 21

D. Donut Days Spring 2017 – next Feb 16, 9am-11am

**They are having speakers come, instead of reorientation. Seems successful so far (insurance came this morning, many people asked questions one-on-one). Schedule will be put online soon.**

IV. Treasurer – Paolo Suating

**Office hours Monday, 1-3pm in the SOC**

A. Amount remaining pre-requests

**We only have \$6300 left for the rest of the year. We will be dipping in our reserve ahead of schedule.**

**Once money is approved, it is assumed that all of that is gone. Almost all the money asked for is used.**

B. Event Requests

Department	Event Title	Date	Amount Requested
CELL	Feb. Dine and Discuss	13 February 2017	\$60.00
CHEM	Department Meeting	01 February 2017	\$80.00
CHEM	Department Meeting	05 April 2017	\$80.00
EEB	Jan. Graduate Student Meeting	31 January 2017	<b>\$120.00</b> (previously \$150)
EENS	ESGA Monthly Meeting	01 February 2017	<b>\$150.00</b> (previously \$175)

EENS	ESGA Monthly Meeting	15 February 2017	<b>\$150.00</b> (previously \$175)
FR*	ADEEFF Spring 2017 Dat Dog Freret	11 February 2017	<b>\$100.00</b> (previously \$150)
FR*	ADEEFF Spring 2017 Meetings	15 February 2017	<b>\$75.00</b> (previously \$100)
MATH	Graduate Student Colloquium	31 January 2017	\$60.00
MATH	Graduate Student Colloquium	07 February 2017	\$60.00
MATH	Graduate Student Colloquium	14 February 2017	\$60.00
MATH	Graduate Student Colloquium	21 February 2017	\$60.00
MATH	Graduate Student Colloquium	07 March 2017	\$60.00
MATH	Graduate Student Colloquium	14 March 2017	\$60.00
MATH	Graduate Student Colloquium	21 March 2017	\$60.00
MATH	Graduate Student Colloquium	04 April 2017	\$60.00
MATH	Graduate Student Colloquium	11 April 2017	\$60.00
MATH	Graduate Student Colloquium	18 April 2017	\$60.00
MATH	Graduate Student Colloquium	25 April 2017	\$60.00
MATH	End-of Semester Celebration	02 May 2017	\$120.00
NSIP	DUNK Meeting	27 January 2017	\$0.00
NSIP	DUNK Meeting	10 February 2017	\$0.00
PHYS	Graduate Student Welcome Back	27 January 2017	\$250.00
ANTH	Anthropology Graduate Meeting	22 February 2017	\$100 <b>\$200.00</b>
CCC	Sites of Resistance: From Local to Global	09 March 2017	(previously 1,000)
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$2,145.00</b>

**\*Things that were changed from original agenda are highlighted in yellow above.**

**If you want to join the budget committee, email Paolo.**

**There's always been a discrepancy on how much money is spent for meetings across departments. It's possible to cap how much department meetings should request per person. Thoughts for the future.**

**No rep from neuroscience was here.**

**Motion to remove 1<sup>st</sup> neuroscience meeting (27 January 2017) and table 2<sup>nd</sup> neuroscience meeting (10 Feb 2017) – 0 oppose, 2 abstain, 41 approve – motion passes**

**Motion to vote on all events that was presented as a slate (except neuroscience and CCC event) 2 opposed, 4 abstain, 37 approve – motion passes**

**Motion to approve funding – 0 opposed, 1 abstain, 42 approve – motion passes**

Item	Units	Cost	Total
Reception Room	1	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Auditorium	1	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Staff	2	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Security	1	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Printing/Advertising	1	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Reception			\$ -
Lunch	100	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,000.00
Breakfast	2	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
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Symposium			\$ -
Beverages	1	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Food	1	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00

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Travel	1	\$	350.00	\$ 350.00
Accommodations	3	\$	160.00	\$ 480.00
<b>Honorarium (GSSA Request Item)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>

**Motion to reduce CCC honorarium request to \$200 – 0 oppose, 4 abstain, 39 approve – motion passes**

**Motion to approved CCC funding at \$200 – 0 oppose/abstain, 43 approve – motion passes**

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

A. GSAPS Constitution

**Motion to approve constitution – 0 oppose, 1 abstain, 42 approve – motion passes**

**Motion to welcome GSAPS to GSSA – 0 oppose, 1 abstain, 42 approve – motion passes**

IV. New Business

A. No new business

V. Old Business

A. Continue sending shuttle issues to Kate Elfer or Nick Fears

**Announcements:**

**A. LAGO Graduate Student Conference January 27-29 – GSSA funded the keynote speaker**

**B. Volunteers are needed for several upcoming volunteer events: BATS, Science Fair, and High School Robotics. Science and Non-Science degrees are welcome in different positions. Talk to Kate if you are interested!**

VI. Adjournment **8:11pm**

VII. Additional Document:

**Unified Graduate Honor Code**

5. Administrative Disposition

If the accused student (or students) in the case informs the Associate Dean that she or he plans to plead guilty, the accused student may waive the hearing and the penalty for violating the Code will be a grade of WF for major offenses **or a lowering of the grade for minor offenses**, as determined by the Dean. No honor board probation will be added to these penalties. The student must also sign a statement acknowledging the violation and the penalty, and in the case of a Code Violation involving multiple students, the signed statement will become part of the record in the hearing for any of the other students who do not plead guilty. A student may elect this option only if he or she has no prior convictions and if the violation, in the opinion of the Associate Dean, would not be likely to result in suspension from Tulane if the student were to appear before a hearing panel. Administrative disposition of the case will appear in the student's file as a violation of the Code.

# Versatile PhD Usage Report

Cumulative: July 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

Tulane University

## Site Use

**72** unique users, of whom

**63** visited the VPhD site for a total of

**188** logins.

**24** were first-time users who registered in this reporting period.

**45** of your users accessed PhD Career Finder content, and did so

**87** times, an average of

**1.93** accessions per user.

**Historical:** By this same point in the last service year (i.e., July 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015), we logged 119 unique users for your institution, of whom 115 visited the VPhD site. 67 of those users accessed PhD Career Finder content, and did so 137 times, an average of 2.04 accessions per user.

## General Disciplinary Distribution of Users

≈ 48.61% Humanities/Social Science

≈ 45.83% STEM

≈ 5.56% other categories

