

GSSA Meeting

[2017-02-09] – [LBC 203]

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

II. Approval of Minutes **Approved at 6:30**

III. Guest Speakers:

IV. Officer Reports

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

A. Travel Grant Awards –Travel, Registration--- Membership?

Options:

1. Fund membership when bought with registration if membership is required to attend the conference.
2. Fund membership when bought with registration if combined cost is lower than non-member registration cost.
3. Fund membership when paid with registration only if it is impossible to differentiate membership/registration costs

4. Combine 1 and 2 – if it is required or the cost is less than or equal to total without membership (i.e. funding in any of these options)

Only work if membership is bought at the same time as registration due to finance department requirements

Several packets have applied for membership fees – we need to decide what to do with separate membership and registration fees

Never discussed paying for membership fees before

In favor of option 1 – beneficial since most places wont cover membership

***Note – membership is tax deductible, so be sure to report that**

Could mean people overall get less money when they apply – unlikely because only the number of people who apply impacts the percent requested that gets funds

Have to pay option 3 because there is no way to take it out, which makes it sort of unfair in favor of societies who have poor billing practices

Currently under discussion because Psychology's

Motion in favor of #4 (all cases membership is paid) 2 absentions, 0 opposed, 39 in favor

Motion passes

B. Resources and Support Services for Graduate Students

Available to all students regardless of any status (nationality, sexual or gender orientation, etc)

Please be careful to considerate and available to anyone affected by current cultural climate

Will receive an email with additional information

ogps@tulane.edu – feel free to email with any concerns about any graduate problems (advisors, travel, politics, etc)

Career considerations for international students workshop next week

CAPS – need to pay health center fee - \$320, will do free emergency management and referrals

The O – weekly lunches and monthly talks

Student support services available as well as online report a concern

Tulane taking steps to prevent impacts and still accept students from banned countries

Messages from Dr. Mike Cunningham, Associate Provost for Graduate Studies and our Advisor, Dr. Mike Fitts, Student Affairs, and the other have sent messages to the entire graduate and professional student body. Remember that we are a private institution and that speaking up is the best way to be heard.

- 1. OISS: <http://cge.tulane.edu/oiss/> , OISS@tulane.edu**
- 2. OGPS: OGPS@tulane.edu - Next week is a “career considerations for international students” workshop, register on www.tulane.edu/ogps ogps website**
- 3. Counseling and Psychological Services: CAPS@tulane.edu**
- 4. The “O”: OMA@tulane.edu**
- 5. Student Support Services: srss@tulane.edu**
- 6. Office of Institutional Equity: OIE@tulane.edu**
- 7. Tulane Legal Assistance Program (TULAP) – [TULAP @tulane.edu](mailto:TULAP@tulane.edu)**
- 8. Tulane Concerns**

Finally, as a private institution, Tulane has more autonomy than its fellow state schools. Know that our graduate admissions have always been based on the applicant, not the nationality, and that there is a special meeting for all Directors of Graduate Studies February 15th to ensure that all programs know that Tulane will admit regardless of national origin.

- C. Versatile Ph. D. Renewal - \$1,500

Ask constituents if they use or like it

OGPS and Advising fund portions in combination with GSSA

Opinion – no one in economics uses it, have alternative job board, all information is available on free websites and versatile phd is not significantly better

Chem Engineering agrees, lots of jobs not applicable to them

Arguably – 70 people like it (repeat log in monthly), which comes out to \$20 per person, which is not much

CMB – its not a job board, so its more early stage professional development – early career is very hard to tell if its helpful

Not applicable at all times because its so diverse

Good for departments that want access to careers outside academia and have little exposure to those paths

Briana using it in her seminars is a strong endorsement

Neuroscience – not often used, but liked by those that do use it, better to have and not need it than need it and not have it

Expires in summer, OGPS cannot take on cost – if we vote against it, it will be lost

Motion to fund at \$1500, seconded

7 opposed, 5 abstain, 29 approve

Motion passes

D. CELT-Grad Student Research Poster Workshop

Want us to mentor undergrads, also good for new grad students

Seeking 3-5 grad students to lead poster design workshop – great for CV

March 6 or 16

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

A. Trivia: February 16

B. Rock ‘N Bowl: February 8th

John Blancher – owner has made anti-muslim comments, we will be seeking additional locations for events and in no way intended to make anyone uncomfortable

C. Faculty Awards **accepting awards through March 8th**

Need more letters and you get a party if your person wins

IV. Treasurer – Paolo Suating

A. Estimated amount remaining pre-requests: \$3734

*Note: Due to how the financial department is set up and how reimbursements work, it is impossible for us to know the exact amount remaining, no one has access to this

B. Event Requests

Department	Event Title	Date	Amount Requested	Expense	Expected Attendance	Per person
NSIP	DUNK Meeting	10 Feb 2017	\$60.00			
PHIL	Spring Meeting	23 Feb 2017	\$200.00	Food	25	\$8.00
CCC	New Student Reception	10 Mar 2017	\$800.00	see listing	100	\$8.00
		Total:	\$1,060.00			

Speaker funding when needed and going unused can be shifted into event funding before spending reserve funds

Motion to vote on first two events (under 250) as a slate – 0 abstain/oppose, 41 approve – motion passes

Motion to approve slate – 0 abstin/oppose, 41 approve – motion passes

CCC – department exists across groups – GSSA, School of Social Work, Architecture etc

Social work will contribute unknown amount

Attendance – 37 CC students, faculty, 10 incoming students, UT Austin speaker and MSW students

Eligible for CEF request to match funds

Uncomfortable funding event for incoming students – typically funded by departments

CEF form requests total fund, so if total budget is 900, and GSSA + Architecture = 900, CEF will not fund

Lot of money when more than half are not in CCC – most funds are going to nonGSSA students

Typically so far has over-requested and used whats needed rather than potentially not have enough – funds needed are unknown

2 weeks ago, requested \$1000 for symposium - \$200 funded, now stating that there will be some left over from

symposium to be used from here

Met with Paolo and Kate previously about this, and requested more than the recommended

Current budget does not account for the space, security, drinks

CEF for symposium last month has been submitted

Trying to grow the event, haven't grown as a department, also typically do not fund faculty

Motion to fund event for \$250

Amendment to fund assuming that paperwork is submitted for CEF

Amendment voting: 1 opposed, 10 abstain, 30 approve

0 opposed, 9 abstain, 32 approve

CCC Option A:

<u>BaChi Canteen</u>			
	Units	Cost	Total
Bacos	80	\$ 3.75	\$ 300.00
Banh Mi	100	\$ 5.95	\$ 595.00
			\$ 895.00
<u>Funding Sources</u>			
Architecture*			\$ 100.00
GSSA			\$ 800.00

*other funds will be diverted from our Symposium funds as well

CCC Option B:

Black Swan			
	Units	Cost	Total
Plantain Balls	2	\$ 124.00	\$ 248.00
Coconut			
Jasmine Rice	2	\$ 55.00	\$ 110.00
Coconut Curry	2	\$ 89.00	\$ 178.00
Chicken Wings	2	\$ 74.00	\$ 148.00
Beet & Orange			
Salad	3	\$ 55.00	\$ 165.00
			\$ 849.00
<u>Funding Sources</u>			
Architecture			\$ 100.00
GSSA			\$ 800.00

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

A. Linguistics Constitution

Attempt #2, removes problematic clauses

Motion to approve, seconded

0 opposed/abstain, 41 approve

IV. New Business

A. **Donut days next Thursday – OGPS Family leave/ planned leave policy visiting speaker 9am -11am
Feb 16**

B. **List of Career workshops with Briana available on website – register!**

V. Old Business

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VI. Adjournment **7:45**