

GSSA Meeting

[2017-04-06] – [LBC 203]

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

II. Approval of Minutes **6:31**

III. Guest Speakers:

IV. Officer Reports

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

A. Climate Survey Results

**Thank every for participating. GSSA combined had by far the best grad response rate (SSE first, SLA second) which is amazing. We know it wasn't grad-student friendly but the committee people are taking feedback for when it goes out again in the next few years. Please send any feedback on grad experiences with the survey to nfears and Kelfer. In the meantime, action plans are being designed based on results.**

B. Student Employment Automation

**Nick and Kate will be meeting with student employment to go over the new website that will hopefully be more grad friendly. Has anyone tried it out and have comments? .... We'll be meeting with them next Thursday so if anything arises email us.**

C. Training to Support Undocumented Students – Friday 21, 9-11am

**there will be a training and lunch to follow. RSVP to lunch. We will send email out post-meeting. Please make sure all students in your department are aware - you don't know someone's status.**

D. Representative Transitions for 2017-2018

**Please start making plans for those departments that swap out your reps between now and the first meeting of the year. Walk them through the website, your constitution, the GSSA documents, and orgsync. Make sure they review the training document AND fiscal documents we sent out at the start of the year (let us know if you need them again.) if you need help, email president/treasurer**

**E. Orgsync - please adhere to the guidelines in the packet. 3 weeks before event at the least- the more complicated the event the earlier you must start. Our advisor is Jennifer O'Brien at jobrien2@tulane! You must fill out all pages and check all appropriate boxes or it will not be approved. You must "submit" the event or it won't be approved. Go to the SOC in person if you have questions- they can answer them better than anyone as it is their documents.**

F. Travel Application Deadline is April 15

**Committee will meet April 25 and emails will be sent out regarding funds ASAP**

G. Elections

**President: nominations – Lydia Crawford**

**Motion to vote opp:1 approve: n-1**

**Unanimous vote**

**Vice: Davette Gadison**

**To vote unanimous approval**

**Unanimous vote**

**Secretary: Sarah Khalil**

**Motion to vote**

**Unanimous vote to approve**

**Treasurer: Robyn Brooks**

**Motion to vote**

**Unanimous vote to approve**

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

A. Faculty Award winners

**SSE: Sunshine Van Bael from Ecology and Evolutionary Biology**

**SLA: Elizabeth Poe from French and Italian**

B. Crawfish Boil

**April 21 from 6pm-9pm Academic quad**

**2000 lb crawfish, 6 kegs, sausage, corn, sodas**

**You need your splash card to enter and can bring +1**

C. **What is the interest level for Trivia over the summer?**

**Please ask your constituents if they are interested in that or if we should cancel those**

D. **May do a snoball event over the summer**

III. Treasurer – Paolo Suating

A. Summer events need to be submitted by next meeting

B. Budget Committee Recommendation to shift funding percentages for 2017-2018

<b>Item</b>	<b>old % Budget</b>	<b>New % budget</b>	<b>Change</b>
Operating Supplies	3.5%	3.5%	0.00%
Honoraria	2.0%	2.0%	0.00%
Entertainment	43.0%	42.0%	-1.00%
Misc Meeting Expenses	5.0%	6.0%	1.00%

Domestic Transportation	20.0%	20.0%	0.00%
Domestic Lodging/Other	20.0%	20.0%	0.00%
Visiting Professionals	6.5%	6.50%	0.00%

**Motion to Approve new budget**

**Unanimous approval**

C. Current Unallocated Funds: \$ 2504

\*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

D. Event Requests

Department	Event Title	Date	Amount Requested	Expense	Expected Attendance	Per person
CHEB, BMEI, WISE	Coffee & Conversation	28-Apr-17	\$30.00	Coffee/Snacks	10	\$3.00
EEBI	Ecolunch	21-Apr-17	\$60.00	Coffee/Snacks	30	\$2.00
NSIP	D.U.N.K.	7-Apr-17	\$60.00	Coffee/Donuts	30	\$2.00
CHEM	Monthly Meeting	14-Jun-17	\$80.00	Pastries/Pizza	20	\$4.00
CHEM	Monthly Meeting	2-Aug-17	\$80.00	Pastries/Pizza	20	\$4.00
EENS	Monthly Meeting	26-Apr-17	\$150.00	Food	18	\$8.33
SP&P	Dinner - Speaker	20-Apr-17	\$150.00	Food	15	\$10.00
POLS	Semester Meeting	20-Apr-17	\$180.00	Jambalaya	17	\$10.58
BMEI	Post-Quals Celebration	9-Jun-17	\$250.00	Hotdogs/fries	25	\$10.00
CHEB	CBE BBQ	29-Apr-17	\$250.00	BBQ/Salad	30	\$8.33
CHEM	Send-off	19-May-17	\$600.00	See Budget	60	\$10.00
			\$1,890.00			

**WISE Coffee and Conversation: April 21 from 1-2 in Israel conference room – open to all**

**Motion to move CHEM second meeting into next fiscal budget: passes unanimously**

**Spanish and Portuguese dinner open to all – contact/RSVP Camilo Malagon [cmalagon@tulane.edu](mailto:cmalagon@tulane.edu)**

**Motion to vote Items under \$250 (excluding august chem meeting) as a slate**

**Motion passes unanimously**

**Motion to vote on Chem august meeting**

**Motion passes unanimously**

**Motion to vote on Chem budget**

**Motion passes unanimously**

CHEM Budget

Type	Item Description	Price	Quantity	Subtotal	Amount Due
	Corn Grits Quart	\$12.95	6	\$77.70	
	Braised Cabbage Quart	\$12.95	6	\$77.70	
	Z House Salad (Ranch&Non-Fat)	\$19.95	4	\$79.80	
	Red Beans and Rice	\$20.95	6	\$125.70	
	Grilled Chicken	\$15.00	4	\$60.00	
	Brownie 16pcs.	\$37.95	4	\$151.80	
	Lemonade Gallon	\$11.95	3	\$35.85	
	Iced Tea Gallon	\$6.95	2	\$13.90	
	Ice	\$2.95	3	\$8.85	
	<b>Total Food and Beverage</b>				\$608.55

E. Speaker Requests

Department	Speaker	Travel	Honorarium	Lodging	Total
PHYS	Julia Sakia Wildeboer	\$500	\$200	\$170	\$870

May 8<sup>th</sup>

**Motion to vote on Speaker request:**

**Speaker Request approved unanimously**

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

A.

V. New Business

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VI. Announcements

**New Orleans bike to work Month April 12 to May 12 – compete as a team (Tulane Graduate Students) for prizes, download an app to win**

**Contact: Devon Bower**

**New Orleans March for Science: April 22, marching to City Hall ~noon**

VII. Adjournment **7:12**