

GSSA Meeting

[2017-11-09] – [LBC 212]

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

II. Approval of Minutes **Approved**

III. Guest Speakers: None

IV. Officer Reports

I. President – Lydia Crawford (lcrawfo2@tulane.edu)

A. Imagine PhD

**Similar to Versatile PhD, but for humanities and social sciences (SLA)**

B. Spring GSSA Meetings:

I. 1/25, 2/15, 3/22, 4/05, 4/26 (new eboard)

**Come talk to us if you think you might be interested in the E-board**

C. Travel deadline : December 15<sup>th</sup>

**Tell you constituents! We will not send a student wide email about this. This is a hard deadline**

D. GAPSA Mixer – Nov 17 8pm-1am

**Generations Hall**

E. Report a concern

**Any concern! Facilities issues, having advising issues, student issues, something happening with your student – can be reported anonymously or with your name.**

F. TuLAP (Tulane Legal Assistance Program)

**Lawyers and law students at law clinics – if you get arrested, landlord disputes, etc... you can go and talk to them! Free to use for students because the student activity fees pay for it.**

**They are also working on an immigration law clinic!**

G. GOP Tax Plan:

Tuition waiver: \$25,460/semester

**Tuition waiver would count as income if it passes through Congress...**

Moves all grad students to higher tax bracket (25%)

For me (ABD), it doubles my taxes: ~\$3,000

For an EEB student taking course: ~\$8,650

**Call your senators and congressmen if you're registered to vote in LA! Numbers below:**

Steve Scalise: (504) 837-1259

Cedric Richmond: (504) 288-3777

Bill Cassidy: (504) 838-0130

John Kennedy: (504) 581-6190

**OGPS sent an email to GSSA students, administrations sent it to all faculty and staff.**

**Tulane hired lobbyists, releasing statements against the tax plan.**

**Might be good to have this sent out to undergrads, since they may be interested in grad school in the future.**

II. Vice President - Davette Gadison (dgadison@tulane.edu)

A. Funding Requests

I. GSSA Game Night - \$3,500 (first week of March)

**At Shamrock.**

**Option 1: 4 Kegs, no RSVP (\$1500 for kegs, \$2000 for food) 1 cider keg!**

**Option 2: Drink tickets, would need a max tab, RSVP**

**Option 3: Irish car bomb package – charge \$30/person – unlimited drinking for 3 hours**

**We will have access to all the games!**

**Motion to fund GSSA Game Night at Shamrock (option 1) for \$3500. 0 oppose, 0 abstain, 38 approve**

II. GSSA Trivia Nights Spring 2018 - \$3000 (2/22, 3/29, 4/19)

**Motion to fund GSSA trivia night for \$3000 – 0 oppose, 0 abstain, 38 approve**

III. Crawfish Boil - \$15,000 (April 13)

**Motion to fund GSSA Crawfish boil for \$15,000 – 0 oppose, 0 abstain, 38 approve**

II. Treasurer – Robyn Brooks (rbrooks3@tulane.edu)

A. Currently, we have \$31,927.98 in the bank

B. Speaker Request

I. Requestor's Department	Speaker Full Legal Name	Event Start Date	Honorarium	Travel	Lodging
Anthropology	Kate Spradley	2/2/18	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$170.00

**Part of the anthropology colloquium series – it is open to the public! The department is also helping fund it.**

**Motion to fund speaker request in full – 0 oppose, 0 abstain, 38 approve**

C. Event Requests

Event Title	Date	Amount Requested	Expense	Expected Attendance	Per person
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Department						
<b>Cell &amp; Molecular Biology</b>	CMB: ATCG Social/Business Meeting	11/29/17	196	Hotdogs - 15 @\$7.95/ea, Non-alcoholic beverage - 15 @ \$2/ea, Fries - 5 @4.19/ea (average), plus 15% tip	15	\$13.07
<b>Chemistry</b>	Departmental Meeting	11/15/17	140	Papa John's Pizza	20	\$7.00
<b>Chemistry</b>	Departmental Meeting	12/6/17	150	Cane's	20	\$7.50
<b>Computer Science</b>	Computer Science Department Meeting	11/30/17	50	Two large pizzas and soda	8	\$6.25
<b>Earth &amp; Environmental Sciences</b>	ESGA Monthly Meeting	11/15/17	175	Pizza	30	\$5.83
<b>Ecology &amp; Evolutionary Biology</b>	Dec Departmental Meeting	12/5/17	150	Food	17	\$8.82
<b>Ecology &amp; Evolutionary Biology</b>	End of Semester Get Together	12/8/17	250	Dinner	22 Graduate students and their guests (significant others) (44?)	\$5.68
<b>History</b>	History Fall Meeting	11/17/17	200	Food (Whole Foods)	35 Graduate students and plus ones. (70?)	\$2.86
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1311</b>			

**Motion to vote on events as a slate – 0 oppose, 0 abstain, 38 approve**

**Motion to approve all events for funding – 0 oppose, 0 abstain, 38 approve**

III. Secretary – Sarah Khalil (skhalil@tulane.edu)

A. Enrollment numbers – changes in # of reps

V. New Business

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VI. Old Business

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VII. Announcements

**1. Students for healthcare -**

**Emory covers 100% of healthcare for PhD students. Wants to talk to GSSA as a starting place to ask Tulane to improve healthcare and ask Tulane to help cover more healthcare.**

**Does GSSA as a body, or any individuals want to be a part of this – join a group of students advocating for improved healthcare policies and greater transparency and stability for graduate students.**

**5 healthcare asks:**

**1) Fully subsidize healthcare for graduate workers**

**2) 50% subsidized healthcare for all dependents**

**3) Fully subsidized vision insurance**

**4) Fully subsidized dental insurance**

**5) Waiving the healthcare center fees**

**Email [solidaritytulane@gmail.com](mailto:solidaritytulane@gmail.com) to get involved!**

**2. There is tabling tomorrow in the LBC to talk to undergrads about supporting grad student in regard to tax plans**

**3. Robotics competitions:**

**a. December – for elementary kids**

**b. Middle – high school – have to program a robot only using a cellphone. December (Slidell)**

**FIRSTinspires.org to volunteer!**

VIII. Adjournment **7:14pm**