

GSSA Meeting

[2018-09-20] – [LBC 202]

I. Call to Order: **6:34pm**

II. Approval of Minutes:

III. Guest Speakers –

I. Jennifer O'Brien

A. **One of 2 advisors for graduate students**

B. **Richardson 107D (donut days – start next Thursday morning)**

C. **Brianna Mohan – academic and career advisor**

D. **M. Cunningham – Associate provost (travels extensively)**

E. **Travel Reimbursements**

I. **Make sure first page (checklist) is ENTIRELY filled out**

II. **Needs to be signed by GSSA representative**

III. **Expense Itemization Page**

I. **Reimburse for mileage not gas**

II. **Cannot be used for taxis**

III. **Airfare is covered**

IV. **If your PI pays for registration or other charges, be sure to indicate that on the form so that the department can be reimbursed directly**

IV. **Receipts must be taped to paper and pages cannot be stapled together**

V. **3-4 weeks for reimbursement**

I. **Jennifer will email you when the check is ready to be picked up**

VI. **Contact Jobrien2@tulane.edu with questions**

II. Solidarity Tulane

A. **5 primary objectives:**

I. **Healthcare fully subsidized**

II. **Health center fee covered**

III. **50% coverage for dependents**

IV. **Vision and Dental Included**

B. **Approx 600 signatures so far on petition**

I. **19% would benefit from healthcare for dependents**

C. **Questions that need answered moving forward:**

I. Who is covered by the healthcare?

I. Depends on how “grad student” is defined

I. Stipend vs. enrollment. This must be clarified to move forward.

D. Current status

I. Want a resolution from GSSA that we support Solidarity Tulane’s mission

II. Next step will involve talking with Deans and grad council

III. Would be open to a GSSA committee

Motion to officially support Solidarity Tulane – 41 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain

IV. Officer Reports

I. President – Ted Sawyer (esawyer1@tulane.edu)

A. Student Health is hiring a Grad liaison

I. Grad students consistently comprise 40–50% of incoming class

B. CAPS expanding downtown facilities

C. Downtown gym is also being expanded

D. New contract with health insurance company

I. The company is lagging to update their roster

II. Student health center now has \$25 copay

I. In addition to student health fees (\$350)

E. Committees:

**I. Education Policy Committee
(1 position)**

I. Amanda Reusch

**II. Campus Resource Committee
(1 uptown position)**

I. Melissa Weber

**III. Social Issues Committee
(1 position)**

I. Sierra Butcher

**IV. Campus Health Student Advisory Board
(2 uptown positions)**

I. Bolivar Aponte Rolon

II. Lidia Abel

**V. Election Appeals Committee
(1 position)**

I. Mary Penn

VI. Transportation Committee
(1 position)

I. Terrence Hunter

VII. Libraries Advisory Board
(1 uptown position)

I. Margory Rall

F. Legislative Committee

I. Upcoming tasks:

I. Update constitution

II. Proper running of GSSA to maintain access to funding

II. New president and Eboard in spring. Consider whether this may be

II. WISE

A. Fellowship and funding workshop, September 24th 4:30pm at LBC 202. Refreshments served.

B. Yoga class. September 22nd at 11am in Zimple quad.

III. Vice President - Evan Wells (ewells4@tulane.edu)

A. Trivia at Bruno's September 27th, food out at 5:00pm, trivia starts 5:30pm

B. 3 Minute Thesis - November 14, 2018 at 2pm, Kendall-Cram in LBC

C. GAPSA Interdivisional Graduate Student Organizations

I. Funding available for these interdisciplinary groups now

D. Replacement needed in spring

I. VP responsibilities include: buying food for meetings, arranging sober event monitors, GAPSA meetings and GAPSA committees

II. Election for this position will be in second to last meeting. If you are interested, contact Evan.

IV. Treasurer – Brianne Sullivan (bsulliv7@tulane.edu)

A. **Reminder: All funding request submissions are due by 5 pm on their indicated due date.**

I. **Website says 11:59pm, but it is actually 5pm**

B. Currently we have **\$37,410.63** in the bank for events

C. We have **\$9,073.34** for speakers

D. Thus, **\$46,483.97** total

E. Event Request

Department	Event Title	Date	Amount Requested	Expense	Expected Attendance	Per person
Ecology & Evolutionary	Ecolunch	10/5/2018	\$60.00	coffee and snacks	30	\$4.00

Biology - GSSA						
Mathematics - GSSA	Graduate Student Colloquium	10/2/2018	\$60.00	Soda and food	20	\$2.00
Mathematics - GSSA	Math Graduate Student Colloquium	10/9/2018	\$60.00	Soda and Food	20	\$2.00
Mathematics - GSSA	Math Graduate Student Colloquium	10/16/2018	\$60.00	Soda and Food	20	\$2.00
Mathematics - GSSA	Math Graduate Student Colloquium	10/23/2018	\$60.00	Soda and food	20	\$2.00
Mathematics - GSSA	Math Graduate Student Colloquium	10/30/2018	\$60.00	Soda and Food	20	\$3.00
Mathematics - GSSA	Math Graduate Student Colloquium	11/6/2018	\$60.00	Soda and food	20	\$3.00
Mathematics - GSSA	Math Graduate Student Colloquium	11/13/2018	\$60.00	Soda and food	20	\$3.00
Mathematics - GSSA	Math Graduate Student Colloquium	11/27/2018	\$60.00	Soda and Food	20	\$3.00
Chemistry - GSSA	Departmental Meeting	10/3/2018	\$150.00	Pizza and soda ordered from Papa Johns, enough for everyone in attendance (10-12 pizzas)	30	\$5.00
Biomedical Engineering - GSSA	Post-Qual Event	6/7/2019	\$250.00	food and non-alcoholic beverages (dog + loaded fries+non-alcoholic drink)	20	\$12.50

French & Italian - GSSA	French Department Graduate Student Picnic	10/19/2018	\$250.00	Catering from Felipe's Taqueria (Taco Buffet for 17 + 1lb grilled veggies)	25	\$10.00
Mathematics - GSSA	Math Graduate Student End of Semester Celebration	12/4/2018	\$120.00	Food and Soda	25	\$4.80
Spanish & Portuguese - GSSA	October Picnic	10/12/2018	\$250.00	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	15 (grad students)	\$16.67
		Total w/o events over \$250	\$1,560.00			
Biomedical Engineering - GSSA	Fall BBQ	11/2/2018	\$858.50	Emailed	65	\$13.21
Music - GSSA	Electric LA-Tex 2018	10/26/2018	\$1,011.87	Ten (10) 100' XLR cables from ShowMeCables.com , and one (1) Mackie 16-channel mixer from Crutchfield.com.	100, Tulane grad students, staff, faculty, and non-affiliates	\$10.12
		Total w/ events over \$250	\$3,430.37			

Motion to vote as a slate on events less than \$250-- 41 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain

Motion to approve events as a slate on events less than \$250-- 41 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain

Biochemical Engineering - Fall BBQ - Itemized Budget						
Item	Vendor	Price	Number Served	Price per Person	Number to Order	Cost
Pulled Pork	Blue Oak BBQ	14	3	4.67	22	308

Mac n' Cheese	Blue Oak BBQ	84	50	1.68	1.5	126
Baked Beans	Blue Oak BBQ	42	25	1.68	2	84
Potato Salad	Blue Oak BBQ	42	25	1.68	2	84
Sauce	Blue Oak BBQ	7	25	0.28	3	21
Salad Dressing	Rouses	3	15	0.2	5	15
Salad	Rouses	3.5	10	0.35	7	24.5
Bread/Rolls	Rouses	3	12	0.25	6	18
Sweet Tea	Rouses	3	16	0.19	4	12
Water	Rouses	3	12	0.25	3	9
Cups	Walmart	3	30	0.1	2	6
Plates	Walmart	5	200	0.03	1	5
Napkins	Walmart	3	200	0.02	1	3
Silverware	Walmart	4	32	0.13	3	12
Bowls	Walmart	3	50	0.06	2	6
Ice Cream	Baskin Robins	6	6	1	10	60
Catering Tip	Blue Oak BBQ	65	60	1.08	1	65
Total				14.31		858.5
based off attendance of 65 people						

Music Department Itemized Budget: Electric LA-TEX 2018 Contemporary			
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Electronic Music Festival			
Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Total
10	<u>Pro-Audio XLR 3 Pin Male to XLR 3 Pin Female Cable (100 ft)</u> <u>https://www.showmecables.com/by-category/cables/pro-audio/pro-audio-cable-xlr-male-to-xlr-female</u>	\$53.99	\$539.90
1	<u>Mackie ProFX16v2 16-Channel Mixer</u> <u>https://www.crutchfield.com/p_863PFX16V2/Mackie-ProFX16v2.html</u>	\$449.99	\$449.99
Subtotal		\$989.89	
Sales Tax		\$0.00	
Shipping & Handling		\$21.98	
Total Requested		\$1,011.87	

Motion to vote as a slate on events over \$250- – 41 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain

Motion to approve events as a slate on events over \$250- – 41 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain

Speaker Requests

Requestor's Department	Speaker Full Legal Name	Event Start Date	Honorarium	Travel	Lodging
Physics	Yang-Zhi Chou	10/26/2018	\$200	\$500	\$170

Motion to approve speaker at \$870- – 41 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain

- Will need 4 from SSE and SLA for budget committee. Prepare future Treasurer.

V. Secretary – Sarah Khalil (skhalil@tulane.edu) Proxy: Christen Steele

A. Email me (Sarah) new reps and their emails and who they're replacing if you haven't yet!

V. New Business

VI. Old Business

I.

VII. Announcements

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VIII. Adjournment: **7:31pm**