

GSSA Meeting

[2018-12-13] – [LBC 202]

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

II. Approval of Minutes: **Approved**

III. Guest Speakers –

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IV. Officer Reports

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

I. Graduate Climate Survey questions

They want feedback on what types of questions should be on this survey. Questions can be emailed to Ted.

II. Commons updates

Dining services person visited GAPSA. Commons will not be taking cash, but will be taking debit and credit cards, not just wavebucks. So you can go if you don't have a mealplan. You pay to go in (like a buffet). There is a grad student meal plan, and you pay a discounted entry fee. However, \$650 is a lot to pay at once - they're planning to set up a grad student meal plan where starting price is \$150, and then add more money in \$50 or \$100 increments.

III. Jennifer O'Brien's office is moving at the end of the month – **Richardson 221**

Donut days will also be moved back and forth between uptown and downtown

IV. GAPSA rep

*Noah Beltrami

V. Secretary election

I. Nomination: Amanda Reusch

34 Approved, 1 abstain, 0 oppose

II. Vice President – Zainab Lateefi (zlateefi@tulane.edu)

I. Grad Student council

I. Update on Immigration and visa issues (Mario Balducci)

They recommend that you meet with this lawyer to make sure you're visa status is OK if you're an international student

II. Events committee

Committee will meet monthly, not just for reps, if constituents in your department are interested, contact Z.

I. New Instagram (@TULANE_GSSA)

Follow us!

III. Spring wine and cheese welcome back event – February 1st, 2019 **LBC**

I. Sober event monitors sign-up sheet

There is no training required, we just need to enough sober event monitors to hold our events

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

- I. Edits to the travel reimbursement forms – for indicating other funding sources and person to be reimbursed.

Make sure you are indicating who is incurring the initial expenses.

- II. Reminder: Please have your constituents waiting to receive their reimbursement checks to look in the SOC first. Also, for inquiries regarding reimbursement you can reach out to Jane Rushing at rushing@tulane.edu

Make sure you’re checking the SOC first for your checks, even if you asked for it to be sent by mail.

- III. Travel funding request for Spring due December 15th at **5pm!** (Conferences Jan 1 – April 30)
- IV. Currently we have **\$13,760.26** in the bank for events
- V. We have **\$4,893.34** for speakers
- VI. Thus, **\$18,653.60** total
- VII. Event Request

Department	Event Title	Date	Amount Requested	Expense	Expected Attendance	Per person
Neuroscience	Neuroscience winter gathering	1/14/2019	\$250	Assorted appetizers from Avenue Pub	50 (25 graduate students & plus 1’s)	\$5
Earth & Environmental Sciences	ESGA Monthly Meeting	1/23/2019	\$175	Pizzas from Mellow Mushroom	25	\$7
		Total	\$425			

Motion to vote on all events as a slate – 0 oppose, 0 abstain, 34 approve

Motion to fund all events – 0 oppose, 0 abstain, 34 approve

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

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V. New Business

OGPS is missing information for ~1000 grad students – many people are not on the grad students listservs. Forms will be sent out in the next week – please fill them out to make sure we have all your info!

VI. Old Business

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VII. Announcements

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VIII. Adjournment: **6:57pm**