

GSSA Meeting
[2019-2-21] – [LBC 201]

- I. Call to Order – **6:31pm**
- II. Approval of Minutes - **approved**
- III. Guest Speakers
 - I.
- IV. Officer Reports
 - I. President – Ted Sawyer (esawyer1@tulane.edu)
 - A. \$500 for Faculty Awards – **mentorship award. Name on plaque and \$250 for the department for a party. Must requisition the money. No questions. Motion. Approved.**
 - Still need committee members – **need some SSE and some more SLA. Around 6**
 - Start sending in nominations – **send to Ted. Tell constituents. People who have already gotten may not win again.**
 - B. President's Award for Excellence in Professional and Graduate Teaching **same thing but from the President's office. Have to send in a CV. Send to provost.**
 - Monday, February 25th
 - <https://provost.tulane.edu/node/2756>
 - C. IGDOs and Divisional Interest Groups –
 - 1. **Grad student fees are divvied out to GAPSA. Portion of our fees go to undergrads because grad students go to their big events. IGDOs are supposed to be a streamlined extracurricular structure for grad students.**
 - 2. **Interdivisional graduate diversity organizations. GAPSA is composed of divisions (9 total). To serve grad student needs and to get money back from undergrads, we're doing this IGDO thing. We can have groups designed to serve grad students better and give us the standing to not give the undergrads money because we have our own stuff.**
 - 3. **Recognized divisional organization – IGDO (3 different divisions and will show preference that are centered on a diversity topic, gender, orientation, religious views, nationality) vs. division interest specific group. How do they get recognition etc? Now, IGDO recognition will go through GAPSA. So the money will be coming from the 1.36% they allotted and then 7.5% back from undergrads. Then, the IGDOs can come to us for an extra request and we may or may not fund it.**
 - 4. **Right now, departments are the only groups recognized by us; we do not have recognized division specific organizations so we may need to discuss how we do that and if it needs to be in the constitution. So the legislative council will be contacted.**
 - 5. **If they are coming to us as their own entity, the people in divisional interest groups are represented by departmental reps and divisional group reps, so they get to double dip into funds. Maybe they shouldn't be voting members. Things we need to discuss with the legislative committee. If you are not on the committee and you are interested, please let Ted know (and Bree if you're interested in Finance).**
 - D. Rescheduled meetings
 - 2nd to last meeting (Elections): April 1 (Monday) – **the room is free is on the request, but there hasn't been approval**
 - Last meeting: April 23 (Tuesday) – **Okay well that's GAPSA so nevermind. Maybe look into Boggs 600 or just a classroom, but it will be earlier than the 23rd. it's in limbo.**
 - E. GAPSA and GSSA E-Board positions open – **All positions at GAPSA are open and 3 in GSSA. Please contact your replacement.**

- F. Votes and transparency – **law school request made some people uncomfortable having the student in the room. Maybe the president can have the law student leave after**
 - Norms provide flexibility; Rules provide consistency **hand voting and asking requestor to leave is a norm not a rule.**
 - Right of access for all SSE/SLA grad students is Constitutionally guaranteed **and to call motions. Therefore, if someone was coming to represent another group, they have a right to be in this room.**
 - Funding caps? Anonymous voting? **Clicker system. After a certain amount of money we can ask them to step out during that debate. Potentially understanding what percentage is coming from each division.**

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

- A. Feedback: Wine and Cheese Mixer – **turnout was 200 students, food ran out like last year. Logistically we had the same budget as last year. Just get the extra money. Karaoke. Some sort of game or activity to get us to actually mingle and mix. Bar tables and regular tables. Welcome mixer in the fall**
 B. Trivia: Monday, Feb 25 – **Mardi gras theme, any suggestions. Later in the evening rather than 5:00. Thursdays are grad student nights. Maybe a prize**
 C. Crawfish boil: March 29 – **what if it rains? Put in multiple dates as rain days. Dietary constraints considered. More tables needed, or blankets.**
 D. Reps appreciation: Saturday, April 13 (that Friday, April 12 is GAPSA Spring Mixer) – **alcohol is going to be the icebreaker. Patio bar – maybe Juan’s on Magazine, Tchop yard, wrong iron. Please email recommendations to Z.**

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

- A. Please do not forget that when submitting an IT for speaker travel and lodging funding reimbursement you must enter my email as an additional approver.
 B. When checking travel funding packets, please ensure all requests for reimbursement are reasonable and can be justified to finance if need be.
 C. Currently we have **\$12,435.26** in the bank for events.
 D. We have **\$2,223.34** for speakers
 E. Thus, **\$14,658.60** total
 F. Event Requests

Department	Event Title	Date	Amount Requested	Expense	Expected Attendance	Per person
Neuroscience - GSSA	Neuroscience D.U.N.K.	2/22/2019	\$150.00	Coffee & Donuts	50	\$3.00
Neuroscience - GSSA	Neuroscience D.U.N.K.	3/15/2019	\$150.00	Coffee & Donuts	50	\$3.00
Neuroscience - GSSA	Neuroscience D.U.N.K.	4/12/2019	\$150.00	Coffee & Donuts	50	\$3.00
Neuroscience - GSSA	Neuroscience D.U.N.K.	5/10/2019	\$150.00	Coffee & Donuts	50	\$3.00
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology - GSSA	EEB graduate student monthly meeting	2/28/2019	\$150.00	Vegetarian and non vegetarian food from Ba Chi	20	\$7.50
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology - GSSA	EEB graduate student monthly meeting	3/21/2019	\$150.00	Vegetarian and non-vegetarian food from Ba Chi	20	\$7.50

Ecology & Evolutionary Biology - GSSA	EED graduate student monthly meeting	4/11/2019	\$150.00	Vegetarian and non-vegetarian food from Ba Chi	20	\$7.50
Earth & Environmental Sciences - GSSA	February ESGA Meeting	2/27/2019	\$175.00	Pizza	20	\$8.75
Anthropology - GSSA	Graduate Anthropology Student Meeting	2/25/2019	\$150.00	Pizza and refreshments	15-20	\$10.00 - \$7.50
Physics - GSSA	WiSE Downtown Coffee and Conversation	2/26/2019	\$100.00	\$60 for food from trader joe's and \$40 for prizes	25	\$4.00
Cell & Molecular Biology - GSSA	CMB-ATCG Business Meeting	2/26/2019	\$120.00	Food and non-alcoholic beverages from Pyramids Cafe	12	\$10.00
Spanish & Portuguese - GSSA	In Depth: a Conversation With Claudia Hernández	4/23/2019	\$250.00	In conjunction with the visit of Claudia Hernandez we would like to cater a light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments from Olive Blue for the reception.	40	\$6.25
French & Italian - GSSA	French Graduate Student Meeting	3/13/2019	\$50.00	Coffee and Pastries	8	\$6.25
Linguistics - GSSA	Ling Lunch	2/25/2019	\$60.00	Pizza for Lunch	20	\$3.00
Linguistics - GSSA	Ling Lunch	3/18/2019	\$60.00	Pizza for Lunch	20	\$3.00
Mathematics - GSSA	Math Graduate Student Colloquium	2/26/2019	\$60.00	Pizza and Soda	20	\$3.00
Mathematics - GSSA	Math Graduate Student Colloquium	3/12/2019	\$60.00	Pizza and Soda	20	\$3.00
Mathematics - GSSA	Math Graduate Student Colloquium	3/19/2019	\$60.00	Pizza and Soda	20	\$3.00
Mathematics - GSSA	Math Graduate Student Colloquium	3/26/2019	\$60.00	Pizza and Soda	20	\$3.00
Mathematics - GSSA	Math Graduate	4/2/2019	\$60.00	Pizza and Soda	20	\$3.00

	Student Colloquium					
Mathematics - GSSA	Math Graduate Student Colloquium	4/9/2019	\$60.00	Pizza and Soda	20	\$3.00
Mathematics - GSSA	Math Graduate Student Colloquium	4/16/2019	\$60.00	Pizza and Soda	20	\$3.00
Mathematics - GSSA	Math Graduate Student Colloquium	4/23/2019	\$60.00	Pizza and Soda	20	\$3.00
Mathematics - GSSA	Math Graduate Student End of Semester Celebration	4/30/2019	\$180.00	Food and Soda	25	\$7.20
		Total	\$2,675.00			

Motion to slate. Slate Approved.

G. Speaker Requests

Department	Speaker Full Legal Name	Event Start Date	Honorarium	Travel	Lodging	Total
Music	Johanna Cox Pennington	3/29/2019	\$200	\$0	\$170	\$370
Spanish & Portuguese	Claudia Hernández González	4/23/2019	\$200	\$500	\$170	\$870
					Total	\$1240

March 29th at 7pm for Music event. Motion. Approved.

Motion to approve. Approved.

Questions about forms and submitting, reach out to Bree. Reach out about Finance committee.

IV. Secretary – Amanda Reusch (areusch@tulane.edu)

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V. New Business

VI. Old Business

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment **-8:07pm**