

GSSA Meeting  
[2019-3-14] – [LBC 203]

- I. Call to Order **6:32pm**
- II. Approval of Minutes **approved**
- III. Guest Speakers
  - I. Sanjukta Basu, ISGSATU: \$500 request for New Year's event **plus ones and family friendly, competing with undergrad event, staff members invited to address grad student issues as well. Approved.**
- IV. Officer Reports
  - I. President – Ted Sawyer (esawyer1@tulane.edu)
    - A. Last two GSSA meeting dates finalized:
      1. Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, LBC 208 (Korach)
      2. Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, LBC 212 (Qatar)
    - B. GSSA Elections: April 1<sup>st</sup> **Treasurer and VP are most difficult and time consuming. Treasurer: meet with Jennifer once a week, 2hrs office hours per week. VP is less consistent with social things, but you have to organize all the events . Presidency is not as much direct work, but much of the risk is in the presidency. Go to meetings etc. Please talk to the officer you're interested.**
      1. GAPSA elections also coming up **they put out a call and you should contact the person whose job you're interested in. Least work heavy are uptown and downtown VPs. They oversee IDGO funding request. GSSA is largest division and it's important that we have a say on the Eboard of GAPSA**
    - C. Faculty Awards to be announced on April 1<sup>st</sup> (next meeting)
      1. Still need committee volunteers (particularly from SSE) **don't have to be of this assembly so if your constituents are interested, please have them email Ted or Amanda.**  
[areusch@tulane.edu](mailto:areusch@tulane.edu) [label@tulane.edu](mailto:label@tulane.edu) [jsanche9@tulane.edu](mailto:jsanche9@tulane.edu)
      2. Still need Faculty nominations
        - one-page letter (12pt font, single-spaced, Times New Roman, 1-inch margins)
        - Explanation of exemplary mentorship
        - Sign letter with Grad student's full name, department, relation to the faculty member, and Tulane email address
        - Each person who wishes to nominate should send in a separate letter **multiple people can nominate the same person**
        - **Prior recipients are NOT eligible**; a list of prior winners is on the GSSA website, so check there before nominating someone
        - Send letter to Ted Sawyer ([esawyer1@tulane.edu](mailto:esawyer1@tulane.edu)) **deadline to submit is the 25<sup>th</sup> of March**
    - D. Legislative Committee proposals:
      1. Constitutional Amendment to recognize GSSA-specific focus organizations (**comp. bio group for example**) **modeling our rule vaguely after GAPSA. To be recognized by GAPSA, groups need: an updated list of membership, minimum membership, faculty advisor, present a rough budget at the beginning of the year. So for us, GSSA specific interest groups should have a minimum 5 people, faculty advisor, and at beginning of every year, they would present themselves during the first GSSA meeting with a list of current membership and predicted budget over the next year and the assembly would approve or deny. Done every year to keep standing. They would not have voting rights. Essentially, they come through the whole committee for funding instead of just VPs as in GAPSA. Requires an amendment to constitution with a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s vote here and approval by GAPSA. Recognizing group existence. The legislative committee will type up a specific amendment to bring to committee on April 1<sup>st</sup>.**
      2. Bylaws Amendment to restrict funding to non-GSSA organizations **does not count IDGOs, but coming from the law school request. Especially if we will recognize interest organizations and IDGOs, maybe there should be a hard limit of money that can be given to external organizations, like law school or business school. During the beginning of the year where we**

**give percentages for parts of our budget, we can give a percentage for this as well, but explicitly state it in the bylaws. It has to have 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s vote here and approved at GAPSA. BUT the law school is a member of GAPSA and will be able to see what we're trying to do (just keep that in mind). The legislative committee will also type this up. You can email Ted with any thoughts or concerns.**

3. **Idea: Parliamentary training we run by Roberts rules and we run very loosely by that. Teach people on Roberts rules because sometimes we're not on the same page and we need to be able to speak up on issues and it can be easier if you know the meeting rules. Potentially put money in it to send people off to get training for it. We need to be able to tell people no to their face. Send one from every department or one from SSE and one from SLA. It's useful when we disagree, we know the rules.**
- E. Graduation regalia
1. ~\$300 to purchase generic regalia, ~\$400 to rent Tulane regalia, ~\$900 to purchase Tulane regalia
  2. Non-U.S. citizen students can apply for funds to help defray these costs through the Office of International Students and Scholars (<https://global.tulane.edu/oiss>)
  3. Discussion: Should the GSSA offer funds to partially subsidize rentals for graduating Grad students?
    1. **For rental, not buying. This would be for PhDs because masters students have to buy.**
    2. **Question and push on the prices, but apparently there's only one supplier and Jennifer can't help us.**
    3. **Can we get people to donate theirs back so that we can rent them out or something?**
    4. **Why haven't departments just purchased some? Can we subsidize departments to buy? But can we trust departments to keep up the gowns?**
    5. **Does Tulane make a profit? Would assume so, but not sure.**
    6. **Proof of need?**
    7. **Masters students are cheaper (\$130 for all), but most of our money comes from them.**
    8. **Have to see how many students are graduating this year.**
    9. **The legislative and finance committee will get together what a good subsidy amount would be to bring up at the next meeting. Motion approved.**
- F. Third Law Summit panel **these are the lists of panel topics**
1. Climate at the Ballot
  2. Navajo Power Plant War
  3. Butterflies and Bumblebees
  4. The Tremendous Peril of the Mexican and Red Wolves **We will sponsor the wolves**
- G. Donut Days: March 27<sup>th</sup>, Gibson 200 **9am**

## II. Vice President – Zainab Lateefi ([zlateefi@tulane.edu](mailto:zlateefi@tulane.edu))

- A. Trivia night at Bruno's
  - Thursday, March 21
  - Starts at 6pm instead of the usual 5pm
  - Prizes for winners and ½ off for grad students on Thursdays**
- B. Crawfish Boil
  - Friday, March 29, 5:30pm **in the A quad. It can be rescheduled.**
- C. Reps Appreciation
  - Saturday, April 13, 4pm
  - Bayou Beer Garden
  - Requesting \$1800

**Us and plus ones.**

Estimated expenses: \$1100 excluding tax, gratuity and miscellaneous expenses

FOOD

1. The Famous BBG Disco Fries - \$160  
French fries, gooey melted cheese, savory roast beef debris gravy.
2. Array of Seasonal Fruit - \$85
3. Sandwich Tray - \$140  
Assorted sandwiches
4. Buffalo Wing Platter - \$100  
Juicy and crispy fried chicken wings tossed in our signature buffalo sauce serves with blue cheese and ranch.
5. Spinach & Artichoke Macaroni & Cheese - \$95  
Cavatappi Pasta, Fresh Spinach, Artichoke Hearts, Provolone, Mozzarella, and Parmesan Cheese, Topped with Roasted Garlic Panko

DRINKS

1. Beer - \$400 for 5 cases  
Abita Amber (Local), Founders All Day IPA, Heineken, Dos Equis, Gnarly Barley Catahoula Common (local), St Arnold Art Car, Tin Roof Voodoo (local), Blue Moon
2. Specialty Cocktail \$120.00  
Served in a large spouted pitcher  
Watermelon Cucumber Mojito - Silver rum, mint, lime, watermelon, cucumber

**Motion. Approved.**

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

- A. Jennifer would like me to remind you to please make sure your constituents are not using staples for their travel packets.
- B. **Budget** committee recommendations for funding IGDOs and Divisional interest groups:
  1. Motion to exclude funding for travel to IGDOs and Divisional Interest Groups for the 2019 – 2020 fiscal year.
  2. Motion to allocate \$1000 (whatever the percentage be) from the meeting expenses (**better from miscellaneous budget**) and put it towards the entertainment budget, and allocate a total of \$3000 from entertainment to be spent on IGDOs and Divisional Interest Groups 2019-2020 fiscal year.
  3. Motion to allocate \$2000 from entertainment to allocate to IGDOs for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
  4. Motion to limit each IGDO funding to a \$500 spending cap per year per group for the 2019-2020 year.
  5. Motion to allocate \$1000 to divisional interest groups per fiscal year for the 2019-2020 year
  6. Motion to limit each divisional interest group funding to a \$250 spending cap per year per group for the 2019-2020 year.

- All motions were approved 5 to 0.

**Motion. Approved. The budget committee will propose the 2019-2020 budget next meeting.**

- C. Currently we have **\$9,880.26** in the bank for events.
- D. We have **\$983.34** for speakers
- E. Thus, **\$10,863.60** total
- F. Event Requests

Department	Event Title	Date	Amount Requested	Expense	Expected Attendance	Per person
Earth & Environmental Sciences - GSSA	ESGA Monthly Meeting	3/27/2019	\$175.00	Pizza from Mellow Mushroom	20	\$8.75
Earth & Environmental Sciences - GSSA	ESGA Monthly Meeting	4/24/2019	\$175.00	Pizza from Mellow Mushroom	20	\$8.75
Physics - GSSA	WiSE LinkedIn Workshop in 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor in the computer lab. Caroline Richardson at 3-5pm	3/27/2019	\$50.00	Snacks and Iced tea	30	\$1.67
Linguistics - GSSA	LingLunch	4/1/2019	\$60.00	Pizza for Lunch	15-20	\$4.00-\$3.00
Linguistics - GSSA	LingLunch	4/8/2019	\$60.00	Pizza for lunch	15-20	\$4.00-\$3.00
Linguistics - GSSA	LingLunch	4/15/2019	\$60.00	4 pizzas from Pepperoni's Cafe	15 - 20	\$4.00-\$3.00
Linguistics - GSSA	Final Linglunch	4/29/2019	\$80.00	TBD/Pasta from Pepperonis Cafe/or similarly priced "nicer food"	15-20	\$5.33-\$4.00
		<b>Total</b>	\$660.00			

**Motion. Approved.**

**Details about WiSE workshop:**

LinkedIn Workshop

March 27, 2019

3-5pm

Location: Anna Many Lounge, 2nd floor, Caroline Richardson Building, Tulane University

Come learn about how to make LinkedIn work for you! This workshop will be divided into two parts. We will start by sharing tips from successful professionals on how to create an effective LinkedIn page. Use the remaining time to update your profile, ask for recommendations and give endorsements. Please bring your laptops!

G. Speaker Requests (CV available upon request)

Requestor's Department	Speaker Full Legal Name	Event Start Date	Honorarium	Travel	Lodging	Total
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Linguistics	Itxaso Rodriguez- Ordóñez	3/30/2019	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$200

**In Kendall-Cram, opened to everybody. Money from department for food and travel. Some Loyola and LSU people. Motion. Approved.**

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

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V. New Business

VI. Old Business

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment **8:02pm**