

Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes

Date: April 26, 2017

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Sadler Center

Presiding Officer: Adrienna Bingham, President

1. Welcome
2. Student Assembly Update
 - a. The senate has adjourned for the last time this semester. The new slate of leadership has started. Some events have been planned for next year.
3. Funding Proposal for Anthropology
 - a. The new GSA representative for Anthropology spoke in support of funding of Anthropology speaker events. Concerns were raised regarding the proportional amount of funds going to Anthropology, ability to plan ahead, and per person allocations and overall budget divisions. The motion to approve \$1000 for Anthropology speaker travel passes.
4. Guidelines for Discretionary Funds
 - a. Adrienna spoke regarding the guidelines. Discretionary funds will be allocated based the numbers of students for the previous year. This will be discussed in September. A new rule has been put in place that if the department representative missed more than one meeting without a replacement, department funding would be withheld. Discussion was had regarding excuses and changing the language in the current guidelines before voting.
5. Summer Conference Funding
 - a. The group was able to increase the amount funding up to \$500.
6. Professors' Round Table
 - a. Only two professors were available to help out, so this year's event was cancelled. We will look to have the event earlier next year (possibly in the fall).
7. GSAB Update
 - a. Mallory gave an update regarding the GSAB meeting and making a mentorship award for faculty presented by the dean. If we would like to move forward with it, Mallory could draw up a list of criteria. Anyone could submit a nomination form and write a letter of support for their faculty mentor, and then we would evaluate them. Debate was had regarding who would vote on the winners, how we would evaluate them, and the possible monetary award.

8. New Officers

- a. Every new officer should meet with their predecessor. The Social Chair might be elected or appointed in the fall.

9. VIMS Party

- a. The VIMS party is on Saturday April 29th from 5-midnight.

10. Adjourned at 6:26 p.m.