

Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes

Date: April 25, 2019

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: McGlothlin-Street Hall; Room 020

Presiding Officer: Erin Schwartz, President

I. Welcome & Introductions

II. Officer Reports

A. President: Year-end wrap-up

1. Wellness:

- a) Continuing request to ensure graduate-specific training for wellness staff members
- b) Request for more varied times for graduate-specific wellness classes; aim to gather times that are generally open to most departments

2. Parking

- a) Major focus from the school end is on pricing and based on the surveys lowering the cost of parking passes will only bring in enough new passes to even out the cost
- b) Still aiming for more late-night parking spots for graduate TAs who are required to work late

3. Yearly Survey

- a) Stanford graduate student life survey distributed by the GSA president to provide more ideas for WM graduate survey (Google Docs)

B. Vice President:

1. Officer elections: 2019-20 academic year positions settled during meeting; new officers will be posted on the GSA website shortly

C. Treasurer: Absent -- president talked on her behalf

1. Reviewed state of finance -- There was still \$3,880.60 unallocated for office supplies, graduate events, etc., which must be used by the end of May.
 - a) \$1000 allocated to make care packages for departmental offices
 - b) Remainder to be allocated by President (Erin) based on suggestions given by other GSA members. Additional suggestions welcome. Suggestions include:

- (1) Wireless printer and supplies for Grad Commons in SWEM
- (2) TV for Grad Commons in SWEM
- (3) Other supplies for Grad Commons (snacks, etc.)
- (4) Non-perishables for future events
- (5) Finals Self-care events, such as Greenhouse Planting Event to combat stress
- (6) Supplies for GSA and/or Journal Club meetings
- (7) Additional Travel Grants (must look into whether this is allowed)

D. Senate Representative:

E. Social Chair:

1. The Networking social went well, therefore it was proposed that this becomes a regular happening in future semesters (would cost ~\$500 per event).

F. Parliamentarian:

1. Journal Club now officially written in as part of GSA
 - a) Working to determine exact allocation of funds towards Journal Club events (internal and/or external)
 - b) Journal Club positions available--If interested, contact Ryan or Casey

III. GSAB Report:

- A. Mental Health: GSAB continues to move forward with improving graduate student mental health resources on campus

IV. Old Business

A. Consensual Amorous Relationships policy

1. GSA and COGS gave input and agreed on unanimous broad prohibition
 - a) GSA suggested a team to handle exceptions,
2. At the Faculty Assembly meeting the Board of Visitors requests for an update of this policy was discussed
 - a) Request to broaden the prohibition to entire Department was approved, but to entire school (ie. Law) was rejected.
 - b) Generally the graduate presence at this meeting was appreciated, therefore GSA may create an ad hoc committee in order to be an official part of this discussion in the upcoming semester.

V. New Business

A. Travel Fund Deadlines for 2019-20 academic year are now available on the GSA website (<http://wmpeople.wm.edu/site/page/gsa/20192020deadlines>)

B. Budget Requests

1. Physics department requested \$300 for 2 department social events --
Request approved

VI. Meeting adjourned at 5:32pm