

Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes

Date: February 16, 2011

Time: 6 pm

Location: Morton 303

- I. Call to order
- II. President's report
 - a. Conference funding applications!
 - i. Still looking for volunteers to review applications. A notice that a four-week review period from the application deadline has been/will be appended to the application directions on the webpage for future semesters.
- III. Vice-President's report
 - a. Graduate Portfolio
 - i. An online form has been made available for students and researchers to submit recent achievements.
 - b. Health Insurance
 - i. VP Musselwhite is meeting with Dean Sanderson next Friday (2/25) to discuss graduate students' issues with the current health insurance policy. Topics include moving the fall bill due date back until after the first stipend check has been made available, changing the payment option to include monthly payments rather than two lump sums, and concerns with the health center and pharmacy summer hours and prescription co-pay increases. If you would like to voice a concern not listed above or have questions, please email Paul (ppmuss@email.wm.edu).
- IV. Treasurer's report
- V. Secretary's report
- VI. Social Chair's report
 - a. Spring semester social date
 - i. A spring semester happy hour is in the works, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 24, from 5:30 – 9:00 pm at the old Green Leaf. Details forthcoming.
- VII. Senate Representative
 - a. Off-campus housing rating website is about to be unveiled. The site will allow current and past residents to rate their living experiences in and around Williamsburg. Details forthcoming.
- VIII. Graduate Council

- a. Spring Grad Bash
 - i. The Grad Bash, scheduled for April 2, is still looking for a location. Possibilities include the amphitheatre and the patio are behind the business school.
 - b. VIMS Fish Fry/Spring Party
 - i. VIMS has invited graduate students from the Arts & Sciences to their annual Fish Fry. The date is Saturday, April 16. \$10 buys you all-you-can-eat fish fries and all-you-can-drink beer. If enough people show interest VIMS has said it is willing to rent a bus there and back.
 - c. Graduate Newsletter
 - i. A new issue went out this Friday, February 18.
- IX. Old Business
- a. Interim Officers needed
 - i. Sarah Stanford-McIntyre, the American studies representative, has been approved as the new Treasurer.
- X. New Business
- a. Graduate Research Symposium (Shaun Richards and Sarah Zimmet)
 - i. Advertise your graduate student organization in the GRS program with a free quarter-page ad. Submissions are due no later than Friday, February 25. Make sure to edit and format your ad; no editorial changes will be made once it has been received.
 - ii. An informal “coffee break” will take place on Friday, March 25 from 2:30 – 3:00 pm in the Sadler Center. Come meet and network with members of the Graduate Studies Advisory Board and colleagues from other institutions.
 - iii. A sign-up sheet to proctor for sessions at the GRS was passed around. If interested in proctoring, email Shaun at (sfrichards@email.wm.edu).
 - b. Undergraduate/Graduate networking event
 - c. Elections (Eric Aldrich)
 - i. Submit your candidate statement for a position on the GSA next academic year by emailing Eric (edaldrich@email.wm.edu). Candidate speeches and a brief question & answer period where nominees express their platforms will take place at the next GSA meeting (Wed. 3/2). The online election is scheduled for the next day (Thurs. 3/3).
- XI. Adjournment

Next meeting will be: March 2nd at 6 pm in the Sadler Center