

Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes

Date: January 25, 2016

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Sadler Center

Presiding Officer: Adrienna Bingham, President

1. Welcome
2. Scheduling Conflicts
 - a. There is no universal time that works for everyone, so a poll will be sent out to establish a new time that works for a majority.
3. A&S Funding Process Approval
 - a. Adrienna provided an update on the funding process approval that was discussed at the November meeting. We have been approved for our own funds (approximately \$9000), which we will distribute. We have also withdrawn our budget request from the EAC. A finance committee will be comprised of the five original members who have been working on this issue for now, chaired by the Treasurer. Mitch has volunteered for this semester. In the future, this will be under the job description of Treasurer going forward in future elections. Initially, each department will be able to request funds based on the number of students in the department. After approval in the spring, whatever is not requested will be pooled in the fall, and any student organization can request funds they did not receive in the spring. Minor details are being finalized, so Adrienna will send the completed version of the guidelines later. We will vote on the guidelines at the next meeting. Discussion of sending out a "fact sheet" of basic information on the change to the A&S graduate community was also held.
4. Professors' Roundtable
 - a. Lauren has agreed to chair the committee, and we are looking for a co-chair and additional committee members.
5. Graduate Research Symposium
 - a. It will begin on March 24th. The GRS committee hopes to have high turnout from the A&S graduate community and the broader student and Williamsburg communities. Posters will be posted around the school.
6. Journal Club Update

- a. 3MT will be the Thursday before the GRS begins, and prizes will be given out, so additional sign-ups are encouraged. Journal Club will start back up next week in Washington Hall.
7. Student Assembly Update
- a. Mitch gave a brief update. Some events will be announced later, including a mental health event and an interfaith event. They are getting ready to hold an election in March. Mitch's position will be open in a future election. We could have a greater presence in the executive branch. If you want to get involved, please contact him.
8. Spring GSA Elections
- a. Start recruiting for your position if you don't plan on being here next year. The Vice President will run the election.
9. Volleyball
- a. Adrienna will get in touch with the president of the gradplex soon, since they tend to set their schedule early in the semester.
10. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.