

Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes

Date: March 14, 2012

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: York Room, Sadler Center

- I. Welcome and Approval of Minutes (President)
- II. Vice President's Report
 - a. Nominations for GSA officers are now being gathered. March 30 is the closing date for submitting nominations. Elections will take place on April 5. To date, only 2 positions have nominees.
 - b. We currently are in need of volunteers willing to serve as room proctors at the Graduate Research Symposium next weekend. Libby Cook passed around a sign-up form.
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - a. We have been granted for next year's budget \$20 for a welcome back party; \$400 for interdepartmental conferences; \$6,000 for GRS. We have \$200 for the rest of the semester.
- IV. Senate Representative's Report
 - a. We no longer have a Senate Representative.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Parking Letter & Busing
 - i. Chris Martin attended the COGS meeting. It was suggested that graduate students on stipend be charged the Pell Grant rate for parking. COGS has other concerns, which will be discussed at the next COGS meeting on Friday, March 16. We need someone (preferably a GSA officer) to volunteer to attend the meeting.
 - b. Meeting time for GSA meetings will continue to be 6:30 pm.
 - c. Interdisciplinary Symposium
 - i. Right now 6 professors have signed on to participate in the symposium. 2 remaining slots will be filled by other professors, creating a total of 8 participants. The symposium will take place on Saturday, April 7 at 2 pm in the Commonwealth Auditorium.
 - ii. Please send suggestions for symposium titles to Chris Martin. The theme for the April 7 symposium is "Arab Spring."
- VI. New Business
 - a. Graduate Research Symposium
 - i. We still need proctors and other volunteers.
 - b. Remainder of the Dean's Fund
 - i. The remaining \$500 of the Dean's Fund was temporarily suspended due to lack of participation in the Graduate Portfolio. The Dean's Office has granted us the money, so the funds are no longer suspended. Please continue to encourage your peers to post to the Portfolio any time they are published or participate in a conference.
 - c. Honor Council

- i. A committee has been formed to amend the Honor Council/Code. The committee currently comprises only 2 graduate students, which concerns the president of the law school's graduate association, among others. The committee also comprises 3 undergraduate students, and various members of the faculty and administration. Chris is going to find out more information about this and report back.
 - d. Spring Grad Bash
 - i. The Grad Bash will take place in April, however we need to choose a date. The options are April 6, 13, 19, 20, and 27. Members suggested eliminating April 6 and April 27 from the options, due to conflicts with Good Friday and end of year exams.
 - e. Elections for the 2012-13 Academic Year
 - i. Libby is presiding over the election procedure.
 - f. Ombuds Person Search
 - i. The graduate school is currently searching for an Ombuds Person. The position is paid and the hiree must be a tenured A&S professor. Position involves a 3-year term.
- VII. Announcements
 - a. We have a new Social Chair, Sean Koebley. He can be reached at srkoeb@email.wm.edu.
- VIII. Adjournment