

## Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes

Date: March 29, 2016

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Sadler Center

Presiding Officer: Adrienna Bingham, President

1. Welcome
2. Senate Update
  - a. Mitch gave a brief update regarding the budget, which has been approved. He also noted that he will be running for senate again.
3. Funding Proposals
  - a. We will be approving every funding proposal received, but will need to straighten out details. Sean summarized the funding amounts and current divisions, stating that out of \$9000 that we can allocate, \$4000 goes to Journal Club and GRS, which leaves \$5000 for other uses. Currently, \$1000 has been granted to the Anthropology department for speakers, so \$4000 remains open for the upcoming year. The committee is leaning towards dividing this evenly between departments, but is open to discussion. Discussion was had regarding caps for requests and attaining quorum for next meeting's vote.
4. Volleyball Cookout Update
  - a. Adrienna spoke regarding the postponement of the event due to weather. The assembled agreed that April 15<sup>th</sup> has good potential since it can be advertised at Grad Bash.
5. Summer Conference Funding
  - a. Adrienna requested five individuals to sign on for this committee after listing responsibilities. The group was sufficiently confirmed.
6. Professors' Round Table
  - a. The official title of the roundtable will be: "Role of Media and Alternate Facts." Suggestions for faculty participants were discussed and included: someone from Biology (Dan Cristol, Jon Swaddle, or Helen Murphy), someone from History, a number of suggestions from Government, and someone from Law. Adrienna asked that if anyone has any other suggestions, please email her.
7. GSAB Update

- a. There will be additional funding for Journal Club. They will also match funding for 3MT and having both a spring and fall event. Questions were raised as to whether graduate stipends would be increased for next year. Also, the faculty award for excellence in student advising will now be awarded in the upcoming year.
8. Grad Bash
  - a. The date and time (April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.) were confirmed. Adrienna shared information regarding volunteering, which includes entry table (TiPS training required), food table, set-up, and clean-up.
9. GRS Symposium
  - a. Adrienna solicited feedback from the assembled. Ananda recommended that the GRS poster session be more organized and granted more space. GSAB cannot come during the week, which would make a move of the conference to the middle of the week difficult. Discussion was had regarding the necessity of room proctors. Concerns about how different speakers were organized together were also raised.
10. Spring Elections
  - a. There are still positions available. Lauren explained her role on GSAB as representative, which involves serving as the bridge between the GSA and the GSAB and communicating ideas we want to share with them.
11. Adjourned at 6:20 p.m.