

Graduate Student Association Meeting Agenda

Date: January 28, 2020

Time: 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Location: McGlothlin Street Hall, Room 020

Presiding Officer: Nick Belluzzo (president)

- I. Welcome & Introductions
 - A. Began meeting at 5:22 pm
 - B. 14 people present
 1. Officers: all present
 2. Department representatives:
 - a) Applied Science & American Studies reps absent
 - b) All other reps present
- II. Officer Reports
 - A. President (Nick)
 - B. Vice President (Richard)
 - C. Treasurer (Casey)
 1. Department Funds -- Must be spent before May 1st
 - a) Spring 2020 Budget review
 - (1) OGSR may not cover next GSA summit, so should put aside \$500 for this if we want to send someone
 - (a) Worth it because it helps guide improvements to future GSA happenings (at least once per year)
 - (b) Need to find out the details, such as when (year), location, etc.
 - (2) Public Policy considering giving up department funds -- they will decide by next meeting
 - D. Senate Representative (Holly)
 1. Senate meeting soon
 2. February is grad student awareness month in Student Senate
 - a) Senate will convene at different schools (Business, Law, etc.) in hope to get more grad student presence
 - b) Student Assembly would like to send someone to sit in on February meeting
 - E. Social Chair (Tomos)
 1. Bagel & Coffee Event
 - a) Dates tentative (9:30am - 12:30am in Grad Commons)
 - (1) February 12th
 - (2) March 18th
 - (3) April 15th
 - b) Maybe move one to a different day of the week
 - (1) Most of Physics can't do Wednesdays

- 2. 1st Spring 2020 social will be this Friday, January 31st at 6pm
 - a) Location TBD
- F. Parliamentarian (Ryan)
 - 1. Grad Council hosting 2 events this semester
 - a) Grad bash (late March or early April)
 - b) Grad Student Bell Ringing (Last Friday of classes)
 - (1) Ceremony/tradition to celebrate graduation
 - (2) Hoping to find more funding for this
- G. Secretary (Jessica)
 - 1. Meeting dates for February, March and April (and May???)
 - a) Tuesdays 5:15-6:15pm (1hr)
 - (1) February 18 (will be missing Nick & Ryan)
 - (2) March 24
 - (3) April 14
 - (4) April 28
 - b) Need to schedule election to be completed by one of the April meetings
 - 2. STLI Graduate Survey coming out in February. Please respond to this because it will help STLI provide grad-focused resources and events.
- III. GSAB Report (Casey & Tomos)
 - A. Graduate Research Symposium (GRS) is March 20-21st
 - B. GSAB will be meeting March 21-22
 - 1. Please consider items to be brought to this meeting
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Grad Faculty Mentoring Awards
 - 1. Polls close Friday
 - 2. Only one nomination in so far
 - 3. In February meeting we will review nominations and provide our thoughts towards final choices
- V. New Business
 - A. Graduate Field Day (Nico Balbontin)
 - 1. Similar suggestion: Grad school Olympics (Tony Person)
 - 2. Considering hosting a fun games day on April 4th in the Sunken Gardens
 - 3. Will discuss more at next meeting once details are provided
 - B. Conference Travel Awards
 - 1. Nick (with help of OGSR) is writing guidelines for ranking system; this will be added to the list of documents for future GSA committees
- VI. Open Floor
 - A. Question from reps: Student pedestrian got hit by a bike -- What is being done about this?
 - 1. Student Assembly is working on improving transportation safety
 - 2. Holly will find the details of names/committees and share it with GSA
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm