

## Graduate Student Association Meeting Agenda

Date: March 24, 2020

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

Location: Zoom

Presiding Officer: Nick Beluzzo (president)

- I. Welcome & Introductions
  - A. Began meeting at 5:20 pm
  - B. 14 people present
    1. Officers: all present
    2. Department representatives:
      - a) Applied Science, Chemistry, Computer Science, and history reps absent
      - b) All other reps present
      - c) 1 guest from Psychological Sciences
- II. Officer Reports
  - A. President (Nick)
  - B. Vice President (Richard)
    1. Faculty Mentoring Award is complete - Recipient: Dr. Audrey Horning from Anthropology
  - C. Treasurer (Casey)
    1. GSA funds update
      - a) Money will not roll over to following academic year
        - (1) Must spend by May 1st
        - (2) Have close to \$2000
        - (3) Chasity is looking into what we are allowed to do with these funds and if anything else will change in regards to GSA funding
      - b) What might we do with this money? Suggestions:
        - (1) Department care packages
        - (2) Items for Grad Commons
          - (a) Printer, toner, paper, etc. -- could be an issue since Grad Commons is used by more than just A&S grads
          - (b) Screen to display upcoming Grad events to increase event & organization visibility
            - (i) This seems to be a well-liked idea
            - (ii) Could include counseling info, etc. too
        - (3) Donate to Student Relief Fund (If we can't spend this money other ways)
        - (4) Money towards Grad student Insurance premiums?
          - (a) Dean Torczon may be working on this

(5) There will be some surveys done by a different group that may inform GSA of more possible spending ideas

c) Side issues:

(1) Can't order through Stetson house or have things shipped there

(a) Are home addresses acceptable?

(b) We can normally purchase on personal cards and be refunded, *but* there is currently no way to turn in receipts for refunding from GSA account

(2) These same money issues may also affect Departmental funds

(a) Department reps should reach out to their individual departments to see whether this affects them

D. Senate Representative (Holly)

1. Consensual Amorous Relationships update

a) Committee of Graduate Studies (COGS) has formed a subcommittee to address this and they are hoping to speak with the Senate Rep about the grad student interests

(1) Members: Pieter Peers (Computer Science), Danielle Dallaire (Psych), Paul Mapp (History), Hannah Rosen (American Studies), and Sarah Glosson

2. Student Assembly will have a meeting tonight (7pm EST)

a) Will have a vote about allocating a portion of student activity fees to supplement student support during COVID-19 closures

(1) Unclear where this money would go -- GSA feels it would be best to have this money help the graduate students, not just the undergrads

E. Social Chair (Tomos)

1. In person events are cancelled for the semester (socials, etc.)

a) Considering doing Zoom socials

F. Parliamentarian (Ryan)

1. Grad Council is considering having:

a) Virtual Grad Bash

(1) There is a lot of money left now because of campus events being cancelled

b) Virtual Bell Ringing ceremony

c) Will have a meeting this Friday, March 27th at 1pm

d) There will be a survey going out to all grad students about healthcare, housing, etc.

G. Secretary (Jessica)

1. Moving forward with school restrictions

a) We will do our best to keep GSA running normally by moving meetings online.

2. Scheduling Lottery
    - a) Journal Club
      - (1) Casey will do this for Thursdays evenings, like always
  3. Elections will be done completely online & elected people can attend our final Zoom meeting
- III. GSAB Report (Casey & Tomos)
- A. GSAB meeting was cancelled
    1. Tomos & Casey will write up a statement based on ideas previously discussed in GSA & departments
      - a) This will be shared with GSA for comments, then be shared with GSAB
    2. GSAB will be doing some outreach to WM alumni
- IV. Old Business
- A. N/A
- V. New Business
- A. N/A
- VI. Open Floor
- A. Questions from grad students (via the reps)
    1. Grading currently not pass/fail
    2. Most swipe access is removed, but you can reach out to your department chair if you absolutely need to get in (must have a reason)
    3. Access to W-2s
      - a) "Access to W-2 tax forms in Banner Self Service is restricted to on-campus access only, or, if you are off campus, it requires the use of W&M's VPN (Virtual Private Network). If you log in to Banner from off campus to access your W2 tax documents and find that you can't access them using the VPN, you may request a copy of the W-2 by submitting a [Request for Duplicate W-2](#) to the Payroll Office. Indicate on the form that you are unable to access your W-2 because you are off-campus due to the COVID-19 closure."
    4. Thesis delays:
      - a) Defense deadlines have not been moved, but are now permitted via online platforms
      - b) Many students do not have access to their research supplies, labs, or are unable to travel to field sites
      - c) Many unsure about whether they will have summer funding
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 6:15