

## Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes

Date: September 12, 2019

Time: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Location: McGlothlin Street Hall, Room 020

Presiding Officer: Richard Reksoatmodjo (Vice president)

- I. Welcome & Introductions
  - A. No reps yet assigned for Applied Science & Public Policy; History rep unable to attend
- II. Officer Reports
  - A. President (Nick) -- out of country
  - B. Vice President (Richard)
    1. Still need some Department Representatives
      - a) Applied Science
      - b) Public Policy
    2. University-wide committee positions open (Apply at <https://forms.wm.edu/33286>)
      - a) Student Conduct and Honor Appeals Council (3 people)
      - b) Student Conduct Council (1 person)
  - C. Treasurer (Casey)
    1. Review of the proposed budget for 2019-20
      - a) GSA meeting (\$125 per -- assuming 8 meetings)
      - b) 3 Brickhouse socials (@\$100/per)
      - c) Monthly bagels (@125 per)
      - d) All allocations adjustable
      - e) Think about what else may be needed to discuss at next meeting--ask your departments (could be for grad commons, department events, etc.)
    2. Student Assembly Funds for socials (*vote required*)
      - a) APPROVED
    3. Covering event costs - America To Go vs. Refunds
      - a) Will create a sign-up sheet to track who pays for what/ how much
  - D. Senate Representative (Holly)
    1. If we want to do any big projects that would involve undergraduates, Senate can help
  - E. Social Chair (Tomos)
    1. Dates for social events & event approval
      - a) Bar sessions
        - (1) 1st event (Back to School Social) at Brickhouse very successful (40 people)
        - (2) Plan to have 2 more, either at Brickhouse or Precarious

(3) This will hopefully increase interaction with other departments

b) Coffee and bagel mornings

(1) A way to meet and discuss ideas with the rest of the 9-11am in SWEM Library's Grad Commons

(2) 4 Wednesdays:

(a) Sept. 25

(b) Oct. 16th

(c) Nov. 20th

(d) Finals week?

F. Parliamentarian (Ryan)

1. Grad Council changing Grad Bash date from Sept 20th to Friday, Oct. 18th

III. GSAB Report (Casey & Tomos)

A. Intro to GSAB: Alumni who help A&S grad students get things done (funding, etc.)

B. Requested ideas to share between GSA and GSAB at meeting on Sept. 28th

1. Cost of health insurance increased, but coverage decreased

a) Look into waiving summer fees for grad students

2. Mental Health & wellness activities

3. Send additional ideas to Tomos or Casey (or talk to them at the 1st bagel event)

4. 3 Minute Thesis: Already filled! But volunteers needed (planning and/or set-up, ushers, timers)

a) Oct. 21st 6-9pm - open to all

IV. Old Business

A. Proposed changes to the Sexual Misconduct Policy

1. Read these here:

[https://www.wm.edu/offices/compliance/policies/proposed\\_policies/sexual\\_misconduct\\_policy2019/summary-of-changes/index.php](https://www.wm.edu/offices/compliance/policies/proposed_policies/sexual_misconduct_policy2019/summary-of-changes/index.php)

2. Table of Contents helps navigate - why removed?

3. Point 6 - was this added for compensation?

V. New Business

A. Discuss regular meeting day/time for fall semester

1. 4-5pm on Thursdays:

a) Oct 10th

b) Nov 7th

c) Dec 5th

B. Forming a Conference Travel Funding Committee

1. Colin Egerer (Physics)

2. Catherine Davis (Anthro)

3. Holly Grunter (History)

4. Daryl Hesse (Psych)

5. Richard Reksoatmodjo (Physics)

VI. Open Floor

A. Ideas:

1. "Science prom" social event

B. Concerns:

1. No GSA charge card

a) We can have our departments pay on WM cards, why not GSA?

b) Grad Council has one -- can we do something similar?

(1) Could use leftover funds to start an account?

VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:04pm