

## Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes

Date: November 14, 2012

Time: 7 pm

Location: James Room, Sadler Center

- I. Call to Order
- II. Vice President's Report
  - a. No news.
- III. Secretary's Report
  - a. No news. If anyone has any changes or information to add to the GSA website, please email Meghan ([mhbryant@email.wm.edu](mailto:mhbryant@email.wm.edu)).
- IV. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Currently in the GSA budget we have \$1139.73 available for colloquium funding. Our total OSA budget availability is \$7559.73 and our OGSR availability is \$818.62.
  - b. When submitting receipts for reimbursement, please do so within the 30 days listed on the website (<http://wmpeople.wm.edu/site/page/gsa/colloquiumfunding>). Ellen has not had a reimbursement rejected by OSA yet, but she is starting to get very late reimbursements and doesn't want anyone to end up not getting reimbursed. Also, reps need to make sure they get their colloquium reimbursements submitted by the end of the semester.
  - c. Ellen is in the process of preparing a budget for the 2013-2014 school year. Currently the activities planned for the request are: Colloquium Funding, GRS, 'Interdepartmental Lecture' (Blitz), and Field Day. Anyone with requests or suggestions regarding the budget is welcome to contact Ellen. Budgets are due December 7.
- V. Social Chair's Report
  - a. Tuesday night Grad Happy Hours at the College Deli will begin taking place, starting December 4th, 7-9 pm.
    - i. Deals include \$2 tacos and terrific drink specials. First few happy hours may include free food.
    - ii. We will decide how often to hold these happy hour events. More information forthcoming.
- VI. Student Senate Representative's Report
  - a. The Student Health Center provides FREE STI screenings.
  - b. Swem is providing snacks and use of massage chairs on Sunday nights. Come one, come all!
  - c. Janine still needs a volunteer to pitch in and attend Student Senate meetings. Student Senate meets at 7 pm every Tuesday. Janine is also serving on the Student Senate Policy Committee and could use help with those meetings as well, which meet Sundays at 6 pm. Please contact Janine if you can attend some of these meetings! ([jmyorimoto@email.wm.edu](mailto:jmyorimoto@email.wm.edu))
- VII. Parliamentarian's Report
  - a. The Grad Council met and discussed social events. They are striving for events that bring all schools together.

- b. Spring Grad Bash is coming up - details will be forthcoming.
    - i. 530 people attended the Fall Grad Bash. We would like to have even more people attend the spring bash.
  - c. Tribe Fest will take place in the spring semester. The event raises awareness for cancer. Details to come --
  - d. Muscarelle Night will take place in the spring semester. Details to come –
- VIII. Health Insurance Committee Report
  - a. The survey draft has been completed. The committee will wait to send it out at start of the spring semester.
  - b. United Healthcare has sent brochures about changes in coverage.
- IX. Parking Committee Report
  - a. Test survey is in the works.
- X. New Business
  - a. Nomination for Teaching Awards
    - i. Three professors nominated and approved for submission for awards.
  - b. GSA 2013-2014 Budget
    - i. Budget will be approved via email.
- XI. Old Business
  - a. GRS posters - please post in your departments. Please encourage students to participate in the GRS. Any questions, please contact Alix Jerome.
  - b. Listserv is now active.
- XII. Other Business
  - a. None.
- XIII. Announcements
  - a. GSA Meeting: December 5 at 7 pm in the York Room, Sadler Center. We will be sorting GRS abstracts.
  - b. GRS abstracts due: November 16 by midnight