

Graduate Student Association
Meeting Notes
October 6, 2010 – 6:00 PM Tidewater B, Sadler Center

Call to Order & Welcoming Remarks

1. Sarah Zimmet (Social Chair's Report)

- Review of first Happy Hour.
- Proposed sites for next Happy Hour include the New Greene Leaf and Corner Pocket
- Fall semester bake-off tentatively scheduled for December 2, 2010 (site TBA: possible locations include reception area in Swem Library's basement). Discussion of combining bake-off with holiday food drive/bake sale for charity, and how to charge "admission" for non-entrants or donators.

2. Paul Musselwhite (Vice President)

- Update on Graduate Portfolio Project. Emails went out last week to department reps encouraging department participation.

3. Katie Bennett (Treasurer)

- Budget review for 2010-11 finds that roughly 19% of the GSA budget allocated for departmental colloquia (\$2000 for the school year) has been used, and that all funds used thus far has been used by two departments. President Heilprin and Treasurer Bennett reminded reps of alternative sources for reimbursement. Because this is an historical anomaly, floor was opened for discussion on possibilities to ensure equal allocation for each dept., without punishing depts. who hold colloquia, including application process, "soft" cap, etc. Vote to require department to submit proposed schedule of events for Spring semester by December 1 passed.

4. Shaun Richards (Secretary)

- Website still under construction. Secretary Richards is working with the OGSR to combine new and old GSA websites. The contact information of all officers and representatives is posted, as has the application materials and deadline dates for travel funds and research grants for the fall semester.

5. Megan Ivory (Senate Rep.)

- There is free STI testing available at the Student Health Center. Also, free flu vaccines are available for the first 400 visitors.
- There is an airport shuttle to the local airports provided at no charge for fall break (emails went out last week).

- The Student Assembly is planning on booking a “major” band for this year’s Charter Day.
- An electronic newsletter will begin being sent out this week.

6. Ashley Heilprin (President)

- Voting on constitutional Amendments postponed until November meeting
- Graduate/Undergraduate and Undergraduate Networking Nights are looking for volunteers. If interested, please contact President Heilprin by email.
- President Heilprin met with Graduate Dean Sanderson regarding Student Health Center issues, including summer billing. Senate Rep. Ivory is also working with the Student Assembly on these issues. Please send concerns to either Pres. Heilprin or Rep. Ivory.

Meeting ended.