

## Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes

Date: October 5, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Sadler Center

Presiding Officer: Adrienna Bingham, President

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of the Minutes from Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>
  - a. The motion to approve minutes from the last meeting passes.
3. Fall Gathering
  - a. Lauren Liegey has offered to run the volleyball tournament. She has suggested a Saturday since we are losing daylight, making weekday evening events difficult. We will look to put together a committee of 3-5 people to help Lauren with the event.
4. Student Portfolios
  - a. The website has not been updated in some time. We have notified a few people, and they are working to fix that. The deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup> to submit portfolio updates to put on the website. Please spread the word to your administrators that this is happening again. The website is: <http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/student-portfolios/submission-info/index.php>.  
There was some debate regarding GSA's role in updating and running the website.
5. A&S Faculty Award Teaching Excellence
  - a. This is an award given to three A&S faculty members for teaching excellence, specifically for teaching graduate students. The deadline to submit names is October 28<sup>th</sup>. If we get more than three, we will debate things internally. We will ask people to start submitting names soon.
6. Journal Club Update
  - a. There has been good turnout so far and good volunteer support other than one week. Tomorrow's event is sponsored by the Reves Center. Another week will be at VIMS, and President Reveley is also coming to an event. A three minute thesis event is also coming up in November. We are looking into getting more funding. Finally, Sean and Andrew will be leaving in November, so they are looking for their successors in running JC.
7. Three Minute Thesis Update

- a. Mallory could not be present, but she did provide some notes on it. Sean also spoke regarding the event. We will do a presentation showcase at the November 10<sup>th</sup> Journal Club. We are also looking to tie it in with GRS. Keep an eye out for emails and sign-ups regarding that.
- 8. Conference Funding Update
  - a. One of the people who we voted to give money to said that their paper was not accepted. After some discussion, we decided to reconsider his application in the original committee.
- 9. Student Assembly Update
  - a. Mitch gave a brief update.
- 10. GSAB – Homecoming Meeting
  - a. Mallory and Lauren will be attending.
- 11. Adjourned at 6:52 p.m.