

Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes

Date: September 07, 2015

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Sadler Center

Presiding Officer: Adrienna Bingham, President

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Treasury Report
 - a. Thomas picked up the new student budget, which is \$5,640 in total. This is out of a total request for \$6000+. The only thing not covered is a cooler for beverages for weekly meetings. Sean Koebley and Thomas discussed whether the budget allocated can cease to be available after a period of time.
3. Career Center Presentation
 - a. Janine Yorimoto Boldt and Sarah Glosson - Sarah Glosson, the Director of the Graduate Center, is working with Janine on a few career development workshops and programs. Sarah's office is on the first floor of Stetson House. She is reworking the curriculum for the COLL courses in several ways. Any feedback or ideas should be directed to her. As of today, the Graduate Center has a Facebook page: WM Graduate Center. Job postings, grant opportunities, etc. will be shared on there. Janine Boldt is the Graduate Assistant for Graduate Arts and Sciences programming in conjunction with the Cohen Career Center. Her email is csga04@wm.edu. Please feel free to send feedback. There is an idea for a coffee hour to talk about the kinds of issues that don't normally get addressed in professional development. Scheduling can be difficult, so let them know when works for the different departments.
4. Future Meeting Times
 - a. Subject to change, but for now, the time and day of the week will likely stay the same.
5. Missing Department Reps
 - a. Chemistry - The graduate advisor for Chemistry is difficult to find, so we are still trying to find a rep.
 - b. Emails for reps in Physics and Biology
6. Journal Club
 - a. We will start a committee where individuals will learn from Sean about how to run Journal Club. Sean gave some updates and explained some of the workings of Journal Club. We had

60 people at our first meeting, which was very exciting. We have a total from advancement up to \$2000. This is currently under the supervision of the Social Chair, and it will likely remain under them (with help from other members). There are several slots open, as only people from Anthropology, VIMS, and Physics have volunteered. To help tomorrow, it's at McGlothlin Street Hall tomorrow at 5:15. To volunteer for any alcohol-related event, you need to be TiPS trained, and the dates are listed below:

b. TiPS Training:

<http://www.wm.edu/offices/studentleadershipdevelopment/services/tips/index.php>

- i. Thurs, Sept 8th, 6-7:30
- ii. Tues, Sept 13th, 4:30-6
- iii. Thurs, Sept 15th, 7-8:30
- iv. Tues, Sept 20th, 6-7:30
- v. Wed, Sept 28th, 5-6:30

7. Conference Funding

- a. Discussion was held regarding the need to form a committee to rank applications for conference funding. The committee would consist of 5 people. We need someone to chair this committee to make sure that everything is ranked fairly, and then send it on to Chasity. It is up for the committee chair to dictate meeting style, time, and place. Mallory Moran has volunteered to chair the committee. Chasity wants a list by September 16th to be announced on September 19th. 5 present graduate students volunteered to rank applications. The members of the committee are: Matt Femia, Jennifer Ellis, Peter Quinn-Jacobs, Jamie Bieron, and Erin Schwartz.

8. Student Assembly Update

- a. Mitch was not present. The SA is starting a graduate committee, which is confusing given the existence of Grad Council.

9. Three Minute Thesis and Additional GSAB Updates

- a. Mallory (GSAB-Arts Representative) spoke regarding the Three Minute Thesis competition, which is being encouraged by the GSAB. The details are still being discussed. A vote regarding the continuation of exploration of the Three Minute Thesis competition was held, and the vote was a unanimous "aye." The first GSAB meeting will be during Homecoming.

10. Events

- a. Grad Bash - Sept 23rd! - It will take place at Lake Matoaka Amphitheatre. President Adrienna Bingham passed around a sign-up sheet to volunteer. It usually runs 7-10 p.m.
- b. Fall Volleyball Tournament - The Gradplex representative wants to have a spring and fall volleyball tournament. No one voiced opposition to the tournament.

11. Adjourned at 6:48 p.m.