

Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes

Date: September 26, 2017

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Sadler Center

Presiding Officer: Adrienna Bingham, President

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Appointment Approvals
 - a) The group voted on the appointment approvals of GSAB Science Representative Carly Hawkins and Student Assembly Senator Kody Carmody. Both were approved unanimously.
- 4) Upcoming Elections
 - a) In mid-October, GSA will hold the election for a new Social Chair.
- 5) Needed Department Representatives:
 - a) GSA still needs representatives for the Physics and Chemistry Departments.
- 6) Guidelines for Discretionary Funds
 - a) Adrienna spoke on the new guidelines since GSA will now distribute funds to Arts & Sciences directly instead of through SA approval. Funding will be provided to departments depending on the size of the department. Representatives will serve as the point of contact for departments. If a representative misses more than one meeting unexcused per semester, then funding will be revoked. It will be reinstated with the approval of the other representatives. The group will vote on wording at next meeting.

Adrienna expects the final budgetary numbers on Friday.
- 7) GSAB Update

a) Adrienna gave an update on the Dean's Award in Faculty Mentorship, which was worked on over the summer with new drafts. All concerns over finances have been resolved. The award will be student election based. The first iteration will begin with nominations in the fall and awards in the spring.

b) 3MT

i) 3MT will be held this year on October 21st. Adrienna, Emily, and Carly have their first meeting tomorrow to begin the planning. It was moved from spring to fall so that the winner can be sent to the regional competition. The award amount has additionally be doubled, and 3MT will need volunteers has the event approaches.

8) Journal Club

a) On Thursday, this week journal club will be held at Corner Pocket. There will be free pool from 5:30-9 and discounts of food and drinks. There is still a need for speakers and volunteers for future Journal Club sessions. It was recommended that some in the group attend the TIPS Training for Grad Students or the refresher course.

9) Grad Bash

a) Grad Bash will be on October 27th. The event will be free for volunteers. Those with TIPS training would be especially helpful. Otherwise, it is \$7 presale or \$10 at the door. It will be Halloween-themed this year.

10) Adjourned at 5:53pm