GSSA Meeting
April 18, 2012 – [LBC 201]

I. Call to Order 6:32pm

II. Approval of Minutes approved unanimous

III. Officer Reports
   a. President – Cooper Battle (cbattle@tulane.edu)
      i. Crawfish boil recap 2 times as many people as last year. Excess crawfish, ran out of beer. Reactions to location? Undergrads = bad.
      ii. 2011-2012 Year In Review More trivia night. Free booze and food are popular. James likes Scavenger hunt and spoons. Camilio wants more inter dept. activities. Committees should actually do work. Question: do the bylaws require more rules for allocations of >$250? No, that is left to the body. The Legislative Committee could change that. Loxley: bowling. Careers in academia. Office of graduate studies could help with that. Please keep 1 hour meetings. Volunteer day mostly Anthro, but interest still there if it continues.
      iii. Graduate Student Conference Proposal to tie travel money to giving a presentation at an on-campus graduate student conference. 1 late F/early S, 1 late S/early F. ~70 people each, weekend long. Enforcement = can’t get funded again; could also use a colloquium appearance in lieu of conference appearance. Positive incentives: prizes? Resume? Joe: burnout is possible. How long? 2-3 poster sessions, 15-20 minute oral present. Camilio: how scattered/effective would the orals be? Can be groupable. Rights to the work? We can work around this. Budgets? Wine and cheese, lunch possible continental breakfast. Will people lie about presentation/attendance? Honor system. Motion to approve: 12 opposed, 2 abs, 11 in favor. Fails.
      iv. Post-Doctoral Association Straw poll for non-voting member: would show up to meetings. 130 postdocs among Uptown, Downtown, and Primate Center. 30 at Crawfish Boil. Do not pay fees. Invite to GSSA events on case-by-case basis. Unanimous in favor of inviting to non-voting member.
      v. Student Health Services mental health services are being consolidated into SHC (from split between ERC and SHC) as of July 1. This might cause problems for ABD students. $45/visit versus full activity fee. Can have $45 for 1 visit and waive the rest of the fee waived. Straw poll: a few abs, rest agree this is a reasonable compromise.
      vi. Faculty Awards
   b. Vice President – Jen Saracino (jsaracin@tulane.edu)
      i. Proposed schedule of events for next year 4 major events: BBQ, formal bowling night, crawfish boil. Monthly trivia, continuing colloquium series. Study breaks. Research conferences? Talk to Jen if you wish to be part of the social committee.
   c. Treasurer – Mona Anchan (danchan@tulane.edu)
      i. Budget presentation 3 travel requests unfulfilled in fall due to lack of funds. 13% of spring travel budget unrequested. 19 colloquia, 33 speakers total from 19 depts.
      ii. Approval of Budget Can we increase travel? No. Motion to approve budget. 24 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abs. Passes.
      iii. Event Requests Motion to vote as slate. 17 in favor, 6 opposed. Passes. Motion to approve the slate of requests. Passes unanimously.
         1. GSSA – Colloquium Series [12 Sessions]: $3000 Typically 15-30 people per colloquium. Will continue through the summer.
         2. Anthropology – End of Year Party [May 11]: $250
d. Secretary – Colin McFaul (cmcfaul@tulane.edu)
   i. Website updates

IV. GAPSA meeting report Michael Lamb elected Pres. Business student elected Tres. CEF meeting tomorrow at 7:00pm in SOC.

V. New Business Awards. Need 5-6 volunteers for GAPSA committees. Talk to Cooper.

VI. Old Business none

VII. Adjournment 7:33pm