GSSA Meeting
[2012-09-25] – [LBC 201 Stibbs]

I. Call to Order 638pm

II. Approval of Minutes (April 18, September 4) unanimously approved

III. Officer Reports

a. President – Cooper Battle (cbattle@tulane.edu)
   i. Masters of Anatomy Program
   ii. Graduate Carrels the medical students are asking GAPSA about funding for better carrels in the library; we can use money from our reserve to support this. Many of our departments use them. WE have $20k in the reserve. The total for the carrels would be between $12k and $20k. CB suggests a split of 2/3 GSSA to 1/3 GAPSA. Students can voluntarily share carrels. This should be the library’s responsibility, but they have other priorities. Formal proposal at the next meeting.
   iii. Environmental Law Summit
   iv. Political Science accepted to GSSA: 1 abstention, passes unanimously.
   v. Music and Studio Art return to good standing. Both pass unanimously.

b. Vice President – Jen Saracino (jsaracin@tulane.edu)
   Trivia this month, date TBD. Social committee might meet to plan events.

c. Treasurer – Mona Anchan (danchan@tulane.edu)
   i. Intermediary Student Health Committee
      Needs graduate students. We have approximately 1 year for input.
   ii. New Reps - please see me after the meeting or make an appointment for briefing

   iii. For All Reps:
      a. Website changes (Event, Speaker, Travel checklist, FAQs) coming soon
      b. Expense Itemization Form for all reimbursements
      c. Check your entries for accuracy before submission
      d. Place ALL event and speaker requests by Friday preceding GSSA meeting

Proof of presentation is GSSA-specific, where necessary. Proof of travel is university-wide. Events need a list of attendance.

   iv. Event funding

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Motion to vote as slate. Passes unanimously. Slate approved unanimously.

v. Speaker funding

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Both approved unanimously.

d. Secretary – Colin McFaul (cmcfaul@tulane.edu)
   i. GAPSA Senators are selected and seated.
   ii. Finalize Rep list and committee assignments.

IV. New Business

a. Undoing Racism workshop: Students Organizing Against Racism co-hosting with People’s Institute. 10/10-10/12: students only; 11/9-11/11: general. See flyer.

V. Old Business

a. Vote to confirm protocol for travel funding. Proposal is to restrict GSSA travel awards to pay for only registration and actual travel. This has been the policy for two years, but here is no record of an actual vote. Argument for: everyone has at least $250 worth of travel and registration. Lodging and food are necessary expenses anyway. 1 opposed, 1 abstention, clear majority in favor. Passes.

VI. Adjournment 730pm