I. Call to Order 6:30

II. Approval of Minutes APPROVED

III. Officer Reports

I. President – Cooper Battle (cbattle@tulane.edu)

I. Library Printing Access - is not consistent across all grad programs. Who has access to this? Currently there is no printing allowance for grad students.

II. Summer Travel Funding Reminder The deadline is April 15, we will try to have decisions turned around by the 20th.

III. University Alcohol Policy - ongoing issue. Timeline for rewriting is probably over the summer and into the fall, so need to deal with it as it is for now. Cooper is meeting with Office of Student Conduct and Wellness center to clarify things.

IV. Fair Trade- University Senate Resolution Undergraduate student govt put forth a proposal to have the university support a Fair Trade resolution, are now bringing it before University senate. Would not actually be binding on the university, just have university say it will work to support fair trade projects. Cooper's only concern is that the resolution hasn't gone to ASB, hasn't been looked at by grad students, but otherwise seems good. Cooper will send it out to the listserv.

Q: I've heard there is a vote on divestment going on among undergrads? A: Yes, seem to be trying to do this without going through grad students. We do however have a strong GAPSA pres (Danny Sullivan) coming in for next year who will help keep this kind of thing under control. Problem of divest Tulane is that it is unclear what they want Tulane to divest of - does it effect, for example, the BP oil spill clean up money that goes to research?

Cooper: traditionally we have done a grading/study break during finals. We have permission to do a break with Hanson's Snowballs for a few hours. Will be $700. Will take place in the academic quad. 7th or 8th of May 3-6pm? Wednesday from 3-6pm. Motion. Seconded. APPROVED.

I. Vice President – Maggie MacPherson (mmacphe@tulane.edu)

I. Crawfish Boil Responsible Hosts - next Friday. We need more responsible hosts! 8 more who will go do the online training, send your name to Maggie for the event, let her know when you finish the training. Cooper will send out the link, but if you google Tulane responsible host you will find it. The boil is 5:30-8:30 on April 11. Thursday 17 is the night at Cure for GSSA. Will each get two drink tickets. Maggie will send out an email about it.

II. Treasurer – Joseph Cremaldi (jcremald@tulane.edu)

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EEB - end of semester party. Anthro - colloquium that want a reception for. French/Italian - documentary with reception afterwards. Documentary is in French, convo is also in French. Econ - monthly meeting and end of yr party. Chem - get together to discuss summer events. Span/Port - dinner, an annual event. Will need to shift the date as is same as crawfish boil.
Motion (to vote as slate). Seconded. APPROVED. Motion (to vote). Seconded. APPROVED.

Side note, you can plan summer events if your department members will be around over the summer, just need to submit before our next meeting.

Budget - currently inflexible as much of our line items are less than 1%. Our budget is changing very little from one semester to the next. Cooper would suggest a vast simplification of the budget. Currently we have to take budget out of specific line items or transfer money in between line items. Simplify to several main categories - Entertainment (52%), Operating (8%), Travel (40%). Entertainment would contain = GSSA-wide events, Departmental events, Speakers. Q: With the trouble we had this year with people requesting a lot of speakers and travel in the fall, might the simplified budget have problems of being too fall weighted? A: Current budget doesn't split between fall vs. spring either. Also we voted in a cap on speaker funding. Next year's treasurer could still do a more complicated budget if he/she wished to do so. Will still need to keep track of expenditures, could keep track of splits between fall and spring without having line items for these categories.

Cooper proposes we submit to GAPSA something that gives the subsidiary categories defined above.

III. Secretary – Emily Floyd (efloyd@tulane.edu)

IV. New Business

I. Elections

I. President - Nominations: Cooper. ELECTED.

II. Vice President - Nominations: Jake - accepts. Maggie - declines. ELECTED. jjordan2@tulane.edu

III. Secretary - Nominations: Emily. ELECTED.

IV. Treasurer - Nominations: Kristen to be half yr - accepts. Ellis - declines. ELECTED. (kritchot@tulane.edu)

V. Old Business

II. Health Insurance Update Danny and Kristen: We had a meeting, looked at a number of health insurance options. Trying to get prices more reasonable and coverage more amenable to our needs as grad students. 20% co-payment. So that we won't be paying more than employee health insurance is. Kristen would advise all of us to be informed about the health care exchanges. We do qualify for the exchanges, and so it might be a good idea for us to shop around. The options that are looking likely are not especially favorable for us. Catastrophic health insurance plans will not be able to use waivers. Danny and Kristen are continuing to work on this. If you have questions feel free to email Kristen kritchot@tulane.edu Cooper: Tulane is taking the student health plans more seriously and are also taking the marketplaces more seriously. Next Wednesday we will see actual bids and presentations, which is why this info is still confidential. Q: Since you have gone through the trouble of figuring this out on marketplace, would you be willing to write up some kind of written guide to the markets? Kristen: There is a really neat pre-screening tool on the website, it is really easy to use. They bracket you based on age, we are eligible for tax credits on our monthly payment. Depends on income, age, what kind of health plan you specifically want. Kristen is happy to meet with people. Cooper: Might not be a bad idea to schedule an event early in each fall semester for grad students to discuss options. Q: This would be extra helpful for international students. Cooper: Kristie Magner who came and talked to us last minute is getting involved with this. Kristen: It depends on the kind of visas they have too. Danny: There is actually a pretty good FAQ on the health care exchange for students, includes info about visas. Q: Is there any kind of block because LA doesn’t recognize us? Kristen: No, the U.S. gov’t recognizes us. The thought had been that maybe we could align with the Tulane employee health care plan because it is cheaper and would bring down the employee health plan’s cost, however this is not possible given LA laws. Next sign up deadline is in November.

How many departments have students on campus through the summer? Would there be interest in trivia nights and other events? Yes.

Danny Sullivan is new GAPSA president. Looking to make changes and help people out. danielvincentsullivan@gmail.com

VI. Adjournment 7:14pm