GSSA Meeting

[2014-12-04] – [LBC]

I. Call to Order 6:30

II. Approval of Minutes motion, approved

III. Guest Speakers none

IV. Advisor Reports not here

V. Officer Reports

   I. President – Cooper Battle (cbattle@tulane.edu)
      I. Environmental Law Summit Sponsorship - we have helped fund this for the last three years by funding panels that are of interest. It allows the Law School to request money from GAPSA, and there are usually a fair number of grad students who go. Originally the topic was sustainable energy, but it is now broader. Are there panels we are particularly interested in? Last year we donated $2200. Fracking and Big Carnivores panels nominated. Motion to fund both. Seconded. approved. If you are interested in going we will be sending out flyers as the dates and panel times are finalized.

      II. University Alcohol Policy not much has changed since last meeting, is still being rewritten, still contains stipulation that graduate requests will go through Dean’s office of respective programs. Should make GSSA event planning much easier. The next discussion is on the 10th, as soon as Cooper has a draft he can share he will do so. Ideally we will be placed in the Faculty and Staff category as far as alcohol is concerned

      III. Spring GSSA Colloquium Series ($1500) twenty have been showing up per time, usually heavily balanced to Chem Eng and Physics and to the departments representing the speakers. Sometimes there is cake! Approved.

   II. Vice President – Jacobs Jordan (jjordan2@tulane.edu)
      I. GSSA Bowling Night: We plan to host bowling night at Rock n Bowl early next semester. $4000. The date/time is TBD. this will happen in the spring. Cost is per head, so the amount is purportional to who comes. $4000 pays for 200 people. Gets you some alcohol (open bar) and food as well as bowling (2.5 hours). Will probably do it mid week as end of the week is too expensive. Motion to fund. Approved.

      II. Spring Trivia: we want to host trivia nights in February, March, April, and May, $1000 each. $4000 total. Dates TBD. Last time we ran out of beer in the first quarter of trivia. Unfortunately this cannot be changed because of the current alcohol policy. Technically we are supposed to ensure that the beers are limited to 1 beer per person per hour. So we can only get enough beer for the expected number of people to drink a total of three beers as it is a three hour long event. Q: Can we work with the bar to have drink specials? A: Jake will investigate. Write angry letters and complain if you want to get the policy changed ... Motion to approve trivia money. Seconded. Approved.

   II. Treasurer – Kristen Ritchotte (kritchot@tulane.edu)
      budget numbers - the funds for this week = 4410, left over = 13700 not including what we just approved. Event requests = Math - colloquia to discuss research. Everyone is invited who wants to attend. We order pizza after meetings. Around 25 students attend. EBio - money for our monthly meeting where we talk about the GSSA meeting, and also this month for a separate meeting because we have not secured a location to register an event, so we are having a second "holiday" meeting, LAST - first are for monthly meetings, last is for an event that is part of our spring conference, the Pachanga party which will be Friday Feb 6th, there will be music by a Brazilian group and food from Norma's, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, Anthro - receptions for next semester, open to everyone, food is served, Chem -
department Xmas party, we are shifting all of our funding to events that don't require alcohol, so we are funding the entirety of those and letting our department figure out how to fund the alcoholic ones. We usually get food from Robert's for faculty, staff, grad students, and undergrads. EES - meeting, opportunity for students to practice for conferences.

Motion to vote as a slate. Approved. Motion to vote. Approved.

Speakers - Just two. CCC - our big annual event, a conference, bringing in a speaker - Bradford Hunt who studies urban planning and public housing in Chicago. Bringing 12-14 grad students to share their research at different levels. Friendly forum to share research. LAST - this is in error. Has already been approved. Motion to vote on CCC. Approved.

Jordan = new treasurer. Will keep same office hours, in Student Org Center.

After Dec 15 don't try to turn in paperwork as no one will be here. If you can't do so before then, send an email to the relevant person explaining why and set up a time to do it in January. For reimbursements before the 15th feel free to come by Dinwiddie 211 (Kristen's office), if she isn't there, slide it under her door.

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

VI. New Business

VII. Old Business Yay Kristen! Applause!

VIII. Adjournment 6:55