I. Call to Order: 6:30

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes Approved

III. Guest Speakers


Coordinates acquisitions for social sciences in texts and materials

Wedig@tulane.edu feel free to contact

Library spaces (graduate carrels and collaborate spaces):

- Music spaces moving to 6th floor
- Large area on 2nd floor likely to become shared or open carrels
- Materials moved out of 2nd floor to open more study and carrel space

Interlibrary Loan: should be improved

Struggled due to staff reduction (15%) – being replaced this summer
Will create list of sources (lending libraries) that will lend for longer time period

Workshops intended to be continued over the summer

Pub night instead of general Grad student open house – may be open to this idea

IV. Advisor Reports

None

V. Officer Reports

a. President – Kate Elfer (kelfer@tulane.edu)

i. No events may be held during the finals exam period (April 29th - May 7th)

This includes the 27th and 28th Study period without specific exemption (take several months)

ii. Fall Meeting Dates: September 8th (LBC 203), October 6 (LBC 202), November 3 (LBC 203), December 1 (LBC 203)

iii. Funding Breakdown for 2015-2016
Still accumulating some funding for current events approved tonight and travel awards for summer
Will be another, more complete presentation in Fall
Budget breakdown and GSSA representatives listed reviewed (email with any questions or for additional information, will also be presented in depth in fall)

b. Vice President – Samantha Lantz (slantz@tulane.edu)
   i. Summer trivia-volunteers to help host (May, June, July)
      Need someone to play music
      Someone to read questions
      Events committee meeting with coffee
      Email Sam if you are willing/able to help
   ii. Funding summer trivia: $1000/night, July 21, Sept 1, Sept 29
      Funding for $3000 approved, 1 abstention, 0 opposed
   iii. Reminder: Crawfish boil tomorrow!
      6pm at Richardson Academic Quad
      Need grad student ID and you can bring non-Tulane non-Undergrad guest
   iv. Welcome reception $1500
      Wine and Cheese reception, same as last year
      Cohost with OGPS
      Funding approved unanimously

c. Treasurer – Farihah Haque (fhaque@tulane.edu)
   Office hours by request - email
   i. Event Requests – total requested $1100

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Psych event in June is this fiscal year – money pulled from reserved BBQ at the Fly with catering from McClur’s Funding approved to be removed from reserve and event approved
CMB event is for next fiscal year Welcome reception for new PhD students Funding approved
Fiscal year ends on June 30, reserve currently contains over $100,000 Often money requested from reserve
Any unused student activity fees go into reserve

Events over $250:

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<td>CHE Bowling Night</td>
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Most students are present during the summer, social for graduate students
35 people in department, not all expected to attend, around 30 expected
Will do sign up
Gauged interest prior to requesting funds
Rock and Bowl requires you pay for 80% of funds irrelevant of attendance
Money will need to be taken from reserve
Motion to move event to next fiscal year
Funding for next fiscal year approve

ii. Speaker Requests

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VI. New Business

Conference Attending awards:
61 requested in last 2 year, only 30 actually used
Possibly due to funds being too low to actually attend
Once funds allocated, they cannot be reallocated
Funds pulled from other students who present at conferences
10% requested amount last semester, 5% this semester
GSSA only group that provides attending awards, OGPS does not supplement (do supplement presenting awards)
Possible solution: limit attending awards to only those within 2 years of graduation

Beneficial for networking/interviews
Some departments have attend requirements for each year
Should that be on the department to fund?
Psych does not require this, but aids in training hours
required for graduation (dept offers $200 for conference, $500 for training)
Lottery for attending awards for just X number for higher amount?
Could make attending awards higher than presenting

Commented [FH1]: No speaker requests
Is this a critical to any departments?

Psychology and Math used frequently
Add line on the website about average amount funded to manage expectations for both presenting and attending and that you are taking funding from other students if you don’t use it, warning of penalty for not using
Previous students were banned for the rest of their academic career if they didn’t use it - people were more cautious about applying
Also considered pretty harsh
Motion to table: 4 approve, Motion fails
Add document to review information attached to agenda so reps can be informed – include funding information by department (could be inappropriate or poor representation) could provide each department with their own funding information
Motion to make department travel funding usage (# people applied and used):
    Passed unanimously
Subcommittee to come up with several options and vote from there
Motion to maintain attending award:
    Amendment: make a committee to discuss next year (rejected)
    OR: Long term approval (accepted)
    Attending funding approved indefinitely, 3 votes opposed

VII. Old Business
    a. Proposal to combine joint departmental events under one form
    Motion to approve: Passes, 1 abstention

VIII. Announcements
IX. Adjournment 7:58
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