I. Call to Order: 6:30

II. Approval of Minutes

  I. No corrections, approved as is

III. Guest Speaker: Dr. Mike Cunningham, GSSA Advisor

  Associate Provost of Graduate Studies and Research and our advisor

  OGPS Donut Days will be starting this fall!

  Coordinator (new Ashley): Jennifer will start Friday (9/9/16)

  Contact at ogps@tulane.edu

IV. Officer Reports

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

     A. Welcome to GSSA

        New standing to speak order, no objections, no abstentions, motion approved

        Introduction of Officers

        Presentation powerpoint available which covers all introductory materials, all materials
        are also available online at the GSSA website and in the Training Document that every
        representative received

        Question about Travel Funding: 98% of travel funding comes from GSSA

     B. Review or Representative Training Document

     C. Tulane Resources for Graduate Students

        Library having open house (THURSDAY SEPT 15, 5:30-7PM 5TH FLOOR GALLERY),
        having grad student only study area, workshops available, pamphlets, RSVP:
        http://tulane.libcal.com/event.php?id=1155438

        Brianna - OGPS workshops lists available on GSSA website, also couples counseling
        Shuttle schedule also available

     D. Fall 2016 Travel Awards Updates

        More requests than there is funding for, OGPS matches a portion of our funding

        Funding database crashed following Tulane website update, finally fixed, you may get
        questions about it, send to Treasurer or President if people haven’t received any
        information

     E. 3 Minute Thesis - $500 requested

        November 9th, people’s choice award (also funded through OGPS, and catered)

        Any PhD student can participate

        Motion to fund, none oppose or abstain, motion approved
II. Vice President Sam Lantz (slantz@tulane.edu)

A. Fall welcome reception is tomorrow! Sept 9, LBC Kendall Cram 5:30-8:30
   **Wine and Cheese, distribute to your department**

B. Fall Trivia – $1000/each – September 29, October 20, November 17 – Bruno’s Tavern
   **Motion to fund, none opposed or abstain, motion approved**

C. Fall BBQ - $2000 - NOLA Brewery Tap Room and McClure’s BBQ – tentative date Oct 22
   **Motion to fund, none opposed or abstain, motion approved**

D. GSSA Fall Colloquium-email slantz if you are interested
   No events set yet due to mixed attendance in previous years, food provided and people give talks about their research
   **If there is interest, they will be organized, otherwise may not occur – email Sam!**

III. Treasurer – Farihah Haque (fhaque@tulane.edu)

A. Event Requests

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**Total:** $1415.00

Neuroscience – monthly meeting for department, no questions

ADEEFF – only event for the semester, food and drink at Dat Dog, Having on Frenchmen because they’re French, and a fun place

EENS – monthly grad student meeting, funds for food

Math – Weekly colloquium where grad students give talks, fund for pizza and soda, having every week, approximately 20 attend out of ~45 students,

EEB – September grad student meeting, funds for food,

**General Question:** How many students are in each department to get an idea of how much money we should give them, info is in training document with the financial info

Chemistry – monthly meeting, funds for food, 20-40 attendance

Economics – monthly meeting, funds for food, ~25 in attendance
Questions: requests needed to be submitted 4 days in advance, as long as events are after meeting its okay however

Questions: How much should we fund for monthly meetings, look at how much departments put in vs spend, also attendance at meetings

Motion to vote on list as slate, none opposed or abstain, motion approved

Motion to approve, none opposed or abstain, motion approved

IV. Secretary – Lydia Crawford (lcrawfo2@tulane.edu)

I. Review of Department Status

II. New Constitutions:
   A. Cell and Molecular Biology
      Old one didn’t fit the needs of dept,
   B. Chemistry
      Very old constitution, now reps must be exec board, can now do anonymous electronic voting
   C. Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
      Language cleaned up, term limits of 2 consecutive years
   D. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
      Updating to reflect current protocols, adding new exec positions

Motion to approve all as a slate, none opposed, none abstain, motion approved

Motion to approve, none opposed or abstain, motion approved

III. University-Wide Committees

   A. Associated Student Body Representatives (5) need 3
      Leila Pashazanusi, Devon Bowser, Robyn Brooks
   B. Graduate and Professional Student Association Representatives (5) need 3
      Leila Pashazanusi, Devon Bowser, Robyn Brooks
   C. Provost's Office-Graduate Council (2) need 1 SLA and 1 SSE
      SLA: Ali Enami (cannot attend due to time conflict, declines) Nathan Wendte (Wind-tee)
      SSE: Kate Elfter (will continue)

IV. SLA Committees

   A. SLA Graduate Studies Committee (2)
      Andrew Abdalian, Sara Kittleson
   B. SLA Graduate Honor Board (up to 16)
      Jennifer Miller, Daniel Tigard, Marco Fisher, Aja Roberts, Khystyne Tschinkel, Arianna King, Diego ***, Ali Enami,

V. GAPSA/University Senate - Optional: to be voted on at GAPSA

   A. Academic Freedom and Responsibility of Students Committee (1)
      Ted Sawyer
   B. Athletics Committee (1)
      Nick Hodges
   C. Assessment Committee (1)
      Molly Payne
   D. Budget Committee (1)
      Davette Gadison
E. Educational Policy Committee (1 graduate student)
   Nick Fears
F. Equal Opportunity and Institutional Equity Committee (2)
   Farihah Haque, Davette Gadison
G. Information Technology Committee (1)
   Angela Crist
H. Libraries Committee (1)
   Anna-Morgan Leonards
I. Physical Facilities Committee (1 Uptown, 1 Downtown)
   Joe Ramsey
J. Social Issues Committee (1 graduate student)
   Kate Elfer
K. Campus Health/Health Insurance Student Advisory Committee (4 Uptown, 4 Downtown)
   Jessica Motherwell, Chastain Anderson
L. (Possible) Crime and Safety Committee (1)
   Dan Culling

VI. GSSA Standing Committees – email me to let me know if you want to be on Events, Legislative, or Budget

A. Email Lydia (lcrawfo2@tulane.edu) to join any of these committees

B. Events committee: Bethany Stone, Farihah Haque

IV. New Business

A. Graduate Student Payroll Issues

   There have been problems with getting accurate paycheck on the proper timeline
   Committee to review payroll issues created, try to fix them, create FAQs for website

   Survey:
   https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgDCnSURtyAXLkqOIzQmhkMHZJASlykPF2II5wE4Ks9WwjGg/viewform?c=0&w=1
   Chastain Anderson, Dawn Westoff (dwestof@tulane.edu), Lydia Crawford
   Please speak to your department and send Lydia names of anyone interested in joining

B. GAPSA Library Advisory Board

   Jaelle Scheuerman

C. Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Coalition (SVPEC)
   theWELL working toward reducing sexual violence on campus

   Sept 13 – short meeting with refreshments
   Devon Bowser wants more information

   Roseanna Gossmann

D. Travel Funding Info

   Breakdown of expenses by department sent to each department, specifics only provided for your own department based on last meetings’ minutes
Travel evaluated 3 times a year, funding for last summer rollover not tallied yet

Funding breakdowns not available yet

VI. Old Business

A. Treasurer Elections

Paolo Suanting

Motion to vote, none opposed or abstain, Motion passes

VII. Announcements:

A. Women and Science and Engineering – talk to Kate if interested

B. Tell Kate if interested – LGBT and Allies Meeting Reiss conference room 1st floor LBC

VIII. Adjournment: 8:31