GSSA Meeting

Call to Order **6:30pm**

II. Approval of Minutes **Approved**

III. Guest Speakers: None

IV. Officer Reports

I. President – Lydia Crawford (lcrawfo2@tulane.edu)

   A. Imagine PhD

   **Similar to Versatile PhD, but for humanities and social sciences (SLA)**

   B. Spring GSSA Meetings:

      I. 1/25, 2/15, 3/22, 4/05, 4/26 (new eboard)

      **Come talk to us if you think you might be interested in the E-board**

   C. Travel deadline: December 15th

   **Tell you constituents! We will not send a student wide email about this. This is a hard deadline**

   D. GAPSA Mixer – Nov 17 8pm-1am

   **Generations Hall**

   E. Report a concern

   **Any concern! Facilities issues, having advising issues, student issues, something happening with your student – can be reported anonymously or with your name.**

   F. TuLAP (Tulane Legal Assistance Program)

   **Lawyers and law students at law clinics – if you get arrested, landlord disputes, etc… you can go and talk to them! Free to use for students because the student activity fees pay for it.**

   **They are also working on an immigration law clinic!**

   G. GOP Tax Plan:

      Tuition waiver: $25,460/semester

      **Tuition waiver would count as income if it passes through Congress…**

      Moves all grad students to higher tax bracket (25%)

      For me (ABD), it doubles my taxes: ~$3,000

      For an EEB student taking course: ~$8,650

      **Call your senators and congressmen if you’re registered to vote in LA! Numbers below:**

      Steve Scalise: (504) 837-1259

      Cedric Richmond: (504) 288-3777

      Bill Cassidy: (504) 838-0130

      John Kennedy: (504) 581-6190
OGPS sent an email to GSSA students, administrations sent it to all faculty and staff.

Tulane hired lobbyists, releasing statements against the tax plan.

Might be good to have this sent out to undergrads, since they may be interested in grad school in the future.

II. Vice President - Davette Gadison (dgadison@tulane.edu)

A. Funding Requests

I. GSSA Game Night - $3,500 (first week of March)

At Shamrock.

Option 1: 4 Kegs, no RSVP ($1500 for kegs, $2000 for food) 1 cider keg!

Option 2: Drink tickets, would need a max tab, RSVP

Option 3: Irish car bomb package – charge $30/person – unlimited drinking for 3 hours

We will have access to all the games!

Motion to fund GSSA Game Night at Shamrock (option 1) for $3500. 0 oppose, 0 abstain, 38 approve

II. GSSA Trivia Nights Spring 2018 - $3000 (2/22, 3/29, 4/19)

Motion to fund GSSA trivia night for $3000 – 0 oppose, 0 abstain, 38 approve

III. Crawfish Boil - $15,000 (April 13)

Motion to fund GSSA Crawfish boil for $15,000 – 0 oppose, 0 abstain, 38 approve

II. Treasurer – Robyn Brooks (rbrooks3@tulane.edu)

A. Currently, we have $31,927.98 in the bank

B. Speaker Request

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Part of the anthropology colloquium series – it is open to the public! The department is also helping fund it.

Motion to fund speaker request in full – 0 oppose, 0 abstain, 38 approve

C. Event Requests
Motion to vote on events as a slate – 0 oppose, 0 abstain, 38 approve

Motion to approve all events for funding – 0 oppose, 0 abstain, 38 approve

III. Secretary – Sarah Khalil (skhalil@tulane.edu)

A. Enrollment numbers – changes in # of reps

V. New Business

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VI. Old Business
VII. Announcements

1. Students for healthcare -

Emory covers 100% of healthcare for PhD students. Wants to talk to GSSA as a starting place to ask Tulane to improve healthcare and ask Tulane to help cover more healthcare.

Does GSSA as a body, or any individuals want to be a part of this – join a group of students advocating for improved healthcare policies and greater transparency and stability for graduate students.

5 healthcare asks:

1) Fully subsidize healthcare for graduate workers
2) 50% subsidized healthcare for all dependents
3) Fully subsidized vision insurance
4) Fully subsidized dental insurance
5) Waiving the healthcare center fees

Email solidaritytulane@gmail.com to get involved!

2. There is tabling tomorrow in the LBC to talk to undergrads about supporting grad student in regard to tax plans

3. Robotics competitions:

   a. December – for elementary kids

   b. Middle – high school – have to program a robot only using a cellphone. December (Slidell)

FIRSTinspires.org to volunteer!

VIII. Adjournment 7:14pm