

GSA Meeting
November 16, 2010
Sprague Room
7:05pm

In attendance: Sean Thompson, Daphney Joseph, Elizabeth Mongrello, Lauren Turenne, Christopher DaCosta, Nikia Bryant, Philip Burnham, Andrew Parzyck, Vincent McCann, Shadia Goldstein, Cindy sanders, Adam burns, John Niemann

I. Welcome

Hope everyone is doing well. We're almost done with the semester. Yay! Almost Thanksgiving break time!

II. President's report

Library program

Susan in the library wants to pair up with GSA to provide services for grad students. Program ideas include how to do research, how to write a thesis, etc. The group seems to agree that this would be great. Evening time would probably be the best for us. Daphney will pursue this.

What do grad students need?

To follow up on Sean's question from last month, what do you guys need? We've gotten some personal requests, but the GSA is looking more for what grad students in general need. What are our needs as a group? What are concerns or ideas that would affect all grad students? Please don't hesitate to talk with us or ask us questions.

III. Vice President of programming

Holiday social

Next month is our annual GSA holiday social. It is in the Constitution Room, Wednesday December 8 from 7-9pm. Right after class! At our last social, a survey showed that Tuesdays and Wednesdays are the best time to program. The event is free, and will include a cash bar.

Next semester, we will have the etiquette dinner for which you'll need to RSVP so that we can get a count.

If you have any ideas about events for grad students by grad students, please let us know!

IV. Promotions and Marketing Chair

I hope everyone is receiving emails. If you didn't, let Lauren know so she can adjust her mailing list.

I tried ordering merchandise, but ran into some issues with the specific vendor she was looking into. Hopefully we'll have things in for the Holiday Social.

V. Secretary

Minutes are not on website, contrary to what I thought. But let me know if you have questions about the minutes.

VI. Budget Info

We are trying our best to serve as many students as possible and make our budget last as long as we can. Our enrollment is lower than last year, giving us a smaller budget. But we are trying to get ourselves through the Spring – so bear with us.

The grad society budgets that we are approving tonight will be the last approved, based on our available budget.

VII. Approval of Scholarship Requests

The following conference and research scholarship requests were approved under Finance Motion #GSA 2011-8.

Andrew Parzyck

Requested \$770.36, will receive \$636.29

Shadia Goldstein

Requested \$770.36, will receive \$636.29

Nikia Bryant

Requested \$407, will receive \$373.60

Elizabeth Golden

Requested \$248, will receive \$248

Vince McCann

Requested \$1400, will receive \$842.77

The following conference and research scholarship requests were denied under Finance Motion #GSA 2011-9.

Please contact Chris DaCosta with questions or concerns.

Shadia Goldstein

Requested \$1000

Megan Atwood

Requested \$1000

The following conference and research scholarship requests were tabled under Finance Motion #GSA 2011-10.

Andrew Hechtman

Sara Herman

Katie Alteri

VIII. Approval of Grad Society Budgets

The following graduate society budget requests were approved under Finance motion #GSA 2011-11.

Grad Reading and Language Society, \$2000

Teacher Education Graduate Society, \$1075

Graduate English Society, \$1500

Mathematics Graduate Society, \$1800

Graduate Marriage and Family Therapy Society, \$1800

Graduate Geography Society, \$1600

IX. Announcements

Block Schedule

Be on the lookout for changes to the schedule. We may be looking to find another time for GSA to meet, with classes ending after 7:00pm.

If there's no meeting in December, but we submit a budget proposal, will requests be facilitated? We will work something out so that proposals can be facilitated. Apply in advance!!!

Thanks for coming!