

GSA Minutes 20 February 2013

1. Quorum Check
 - a. Need 16 students, 20 are present; quorum is met
 - b. General meeting can begin
2. Ankur (desai@aos.wisc.edu) Update
 - a. Thanks to everyone going to prospective student meetings
 - i. Two more students are booked in March
 - b. He is going to start working on the degree plan worksheet again
 - c. Encouraging grad students to participate in next year faculty search
 - i. Best case scenario, new faculty will start for 2014-2015 year
 - ii. Faculty has not decided on what they want in a new faculty member
 - d. Ankur will be on sabbatical next year and Dan (dvimont@wisc.edu) will be back from sabbatical
 - e. New department chair will be voted in this spring
 - f. Ankur will not be grad chair next year since he'll be on sabbatical
 - g. No idea on the status of Michael Morgan
3. Carol Costanza (carol.costanza@ssec.wisc.edu) from AMS is here
 - a. Solstice Party
 - i. Why didn't grad students attend the Solstice Party?
 1. Hockey games and Hoofers trip occur at the same times
 2. Money
 3. 5 pm is too early
 - ii. Want to keep formality but drive down cost
 - iii. Does AMS want involvement from GSA?
 1. Any help would be good
 - a. Mainly getting people to go
 2. Could have an AMS liaison from GSA to help with this
 - iv. Revisit topic in October
4. Faculty Liaisons Update from Darren (djpilcher@wisc.edu)
 - a. Don Johnson giving next year's AMS symposium
 - b. Keep Toni (tcsumner@wisc.edu) in loop for colloquium committee
 - c. Tracey Holloway (taholloway@wisc.edu) is teaching an Intro to Air Quality class next semester
 - d. AOS 900 will be taught in the spring most likely
 - e. Mark Kulie (mskulie@wisc.edu) may teach AOS 630 next semester
 - f. Department Awards are on April 24th
 - g. Low on grad courses for next year
 - i. 452 and 453 lecture-only option is a possibility
5. Committee Updates
 - a. Welcoming Committee – Alexis, Andrew, and Zak (ritz@wisc.edu, acwinters@wisc.edu, handlos@wisc.edu)

1. Thanks for attending lunches, dinners, and trivia nights
 2. Bear with us, we still have a lot more prospective students coming in
 3. Please keep volunteering!
 - b. Social Committee—Elena Willmot (willmot@wisc.edu)
 - i. Italian Potluck was not very successful
 1. No idea about how to fix this
 - a. Time? Lack of interest? People don't want to mooch?
 - b. Something to discuss within committee
 - ii. Monday Symposium went well
 - iii. Teams for Relay for Life—Bryan Crouch (bcrouch@wisc.edu)
 1. April 12-13
 2. Do not have to stay the whole time
 3. More information to come
6. Constitution—Ross Dixon (rddixon@wisc.edu)
 - a. Committee rewrote constitution
 - i. Removed Ombudsman, added Secretary and Treasury positions
 - ii. Cut out a bunch of redundancy and silly rules
 - b. In order to vote in changes, we have to have quorum twice in a row
 - i. First meeting must be a secret ballot vote to change constitution
 - ii. Second meeting is a secret ballot vote to approve changes made
 - c. New constitution shown on projector
 - i. A copy of the new constitution will be emailed out to graduate student body
 1. Have two weeks to suggest changes before the Constitution Committee approves the final draft to vote on for next GSA meeting
 - d. Ross motions to vote by secret ballot to change the constitution
 - i. Croix Christenson (cchristenson@wisc.edu) seconds
 - ii. Outcome: 18 yes, 0 no
 1. GSA will vote next meeting to amend the constitution
7. Motion to dismiss