

GSA Minutes 30 January 2013

1. Quorum Check
 - a. Need 16 students, 19 are present; quorum is met
 - b. General meeting can begin
2. Ankur (desai@aos.wisc.edu) Update (from Zak (handlos@wisc.edu))
 - a. Ralf Bennartz is leaving for a position at Vanderbilt
 - i. Faculty search to replace Ralf will occur next year
 - b. Jon Martin will not continue as Department Chair next year
 - c. Sabbatical Updates
 - i. Ankur Desai will be on sabbatical next year
 - ii. Dan Vimont will be back from his sabbatical
 - iii. Michael Morgan may be back from Washington D.C. next year
 - d. Committee Updates
 - i. Debbie Weber is on the Chancellor's Search and Screen Committee
 - ii. Alice Halfen is on the Dean of Letters and Sciences Search Committee
3. No update from the Faculty Liaisons
4. Committee Updates
 - a. Welcoming Committee
 - i. Added dinner with potential research groups and trivia on prospective student agenda
 - ii. Recruitment at AMS was successful
 1. Received over 30 names and emails, AMS attendees from GSA split up the names and emailed each person
 - b. Social Committee
 - i. Italian Potluck moved to next Friday (Feb. 8th) at 11:30 am on 8th floor conference room
 - ii. Committee needs to meet
 - c. Department Seminar Committee
 - i. Alex Karambelas (karambelas@wisc.edu) passed around a sign-up sheet to fill unclaimed spots for set-up and clean-up before and after Wednesday seminars
 - d. Outreach Committee
 - i. Zak passed sign-ups around to gauge interest in volunteering for Monday afternoon science exploration at the WID as well as other outreach opportunities
5. GSA Treasury (for next year) Investigation Update
 - a. Investigators
 - i. Nicole Colasacco-Thumm (colasaccothu@wisc.edu)
 - ii. Ross Dixon (rddixon@wisc.edu)
 - iii. Kyle Griffin (ksgriffin2@wisc.edu)

- iv. Megan Kirchmeier (kirchmeier@wisc.edu)
 - b. Goals
 - i. Apply for student club membership (to get funding from school)
 - ii. Create bank account for GSA
 - iii. Motion to form unofficial treasurer (by Ross Dixon?)
 - 1. Seconded by Croix Christenson (cchristenson@wisc.edu)
 - 2. Megan Kirchmeier nominated for treasurer
 - a. Motion for nomination and voting (by ?)
 - i. Motion seconded (by ?)
 - ii. Voting by show of hands
 - iii. Megan is unofficial treasurer
6. Motion to form Constitution Exploratory Committee by Ross Dixon (rddixon@wisc.edu)
 - a. Appears to be a general consensus of discontent with current limiting constitution
 - i. Motion seconded by Croix Christenson (cchristenson@wisc.edu)
 - ii. Motion passed
 - b. Members:
 - i. Ross Dixon (rddixon@wisc.edu)
 - ii. Kyle Griffin (ksgriffin2@wisc.edu)
 - iii. Zak Handlos (handlos@wisc.edu)
 - iv. Alex Karambelas (karambelas@wisc.edu)
 - v. Alexis Santos (ritzer@wisc.edu)
7. Pete Pokrandt (poker@aos.wisc.edu) has asked GSA to select a new place in 811 to put old pictures displaced from wall TV installation
 - a. Alex Karambelas (karembelas@wisc.edu) motioned to put the pictures on the two columns on the west wall
 - i. Alexis Santos (ritzer@wisc.edu) seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
8. Hooding Ceremony
 - a. Croix Christenson (cchristenson@wisc.edu) has all of Caitlin Hart's old files regarding the AOS spring hooding ceremony and motions to form a committee to plan the ceremony
 - i. Andrew Winters (acwinters@wisc.edu) seconds motion
 - b. Members:
 - i. Katie Holman (kdholman@wisc.edu)
 - ii. Erin Thomas (eethomas3@wisc.edu)
 - iii. Elena Willmot (willmot@wisc.edu)
 - iv. Andrew Winters (acwinters@wisc.edu) and Zak Handlos (handlos@wisc.edu) offered to help with set-up
9. AMS Solstice Party
 - a. It was brought to Zak's attention that GSA should try to be more involved with the AMS Solstice Party

- b. Ideas to increase graduate student attendance
 - i. Join forces with AMS to host Solstice Party
 - ii. Group trivia or Pictionary
 - 1. Challenge is to find a way to appeal to grad students while still respecting AMS' wishes to keep it a formal party
 - c. Elena Willmot (willmot@wisc.edu) will talk to AMS officers about marketing to graduate students sometime after the Solstice Party, which is February 8
 - i. Perhaps we will invite the junior AMS officers to a GSA meeting to create a dialogue for next year
10. GSA Faculty Award
- a. After a series of complaints from past members of the Awards Committee, Ross Dixon (rddixon@wisc.edu) motions to not form the Awards Committee this year
 - i. Croix Christenson (cchristenson@wisc.edu) seconds motion
11. Developments in Future Curriculum
- a. Croix Christenson (cchristenson@wisc.edu) talked to Jon Martin about offering the lecture portion of AOS 452 and 453 for two credits to graduate students
 - i. Jon thinks it's a good idea
 - b. In order to keep graduate curriculum from suffering with the decrease in faculty, curriculum committee is going to figure out and present possible solutions that keep the faculty from stretching too thin while still keeping a competitive graduate course offering
12. Motion to dismiss meeting