

**GSA Minutes  
April 10, 2014**

**\*\* HIGHLIGHTS \*\***

**Officer nominations during next meeting – please be in attendance**

**Robock Lecture next Thursday at 7pm**

**Dan Vimont asks for pros and cons of GSA from GSA members—see separate email  
AOS 712 (General Circulation) being offered in the fall—make sure to sign up**

**Possible Earth Day themed potluck during week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 1.) Quorum reached (at least 4 in attendance)
- 2.) Updates from Alex
  - a) Through Center for Leadership and Involvement (how our organization is registered through University) have now implemented a Badger Step-Up Program for alcohol-risk prevention
  - b) Alex watched hour and a half video presentation. Leading facilitator of GSA will not have to watch video next year. Good until Fall 2015
  - c) Turnover of officers (choose nominees for next year who will definitely be here and make sure they come to next meeting). Votes will be next meeting
  - d) Summary of officer positions:
    - i. Facilitator leads the GSA meetings
    - ii. Faculty liaisons attend faculty meetings and work with faculty to changes courses or implement new courses
    - iii. Treasurer handles the funding for GSA
    - iv. Secretary updates the website and takes down minutes at every GSA meeting
- 3.) Faculty Liaison updates
  - a) NWS relocation to Madison is still ongoing
    - i. Trying to put together a proposal to NWS and Wisconsin
    - ii. IT provost is very interested in this, wants it to become a computing center as well
    - iii. SSEC, AOS, Deans Graduate School also on board and talking about this
    - iv. Biggest hurdle is funding and timing
    - v. Looking for funding from outside donors, private sectors, university funding
  - b) Robock Lecture is next week (April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm)
    - i. Will be food there (meat and cheese dishes)
    - ii. Michael Mann is the speaker
  - c) Academic Program review
    - i. In process of gathering information from department about the program

- ii. Dan Vimont asks that GSA members come up with list of pros and cons about GSA that they can include as a part of that review
  - iii. Look out for email regarding list so far, feel free to email your own pros and cons to add to the list
  
- 4.) Propose to possibly change the name “Graduate Student Association” since GSA is widely recognized as “Gay Straight Alliance”
- 5.) Curriculum Updates
  - a) **AOS 712 (General Circulation) is being offered in the Fall**
  - b) Take advantage of taking this course
- 6.) Hooding Ceremony Committee to meet soon – deadline to sign up for Hooding Ceremony is TOMORROW 4/11/14
- 7.) Social Committee Updates
  - a) Possible potluck Monday before week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, or possibly Thursday of that week
  - b) Potluck may be Earth Day themed
- 8.) Welcome Committee Updates
  - a) Maybe a couple more prospective students
  - b) Nearing the end of the visits
  - c) Look out for emails
- 9.) Outreach Committee Updates
  - a) Science Expeditions went well (more than 150 people showed up)
  - b) On April 22<sup>nd</sup> Zak will be going to a pond soon to talk for Science Day (in the local newspaper)
  - c) Boy scout troop needs someone on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to speak with boy scout members about weather so that they can get their merit badge of meteorology
    - i. Will be from 9am-12pm
    - ii. Will be in Dodge County
  
  - d) CIMSS summer camp every June/July may look for guest speakers
- 10.) Motion to end the meeting – meeting adjourned