

GSA Minutes
February 20, 2014

**** HIGHLIGHTS ****

Awards Ceremony 4/23/14 at 3:30pm
Robock Lecture 4/17/14
Hooding Ceremony 5/17/14 from 2:00pm-4:00pm

TA evaluation revisions

Look out for emails next month for lunches, dinner, and Q+A sessions with prospective students (esp. relating to your research group)

1. Faculty Updates

a) Important Dates

- i. Awards Ceremony for students, undergrads, and grads will be April 23, 2014 at 3:30pm is the
- ii. Robock Lecture will be April 17, 2014 Ebling Library featuring Michael Mann
- iii. Hooding Ceremony will be Saturday May 17, 2014 2-4pm

b) NWS Milwaukee Sullivan-UW-Madison future collaboration possibility

- i. Formed a working group to put together a strategy for bringing the weather service to UW-Madison
- ii. Sounds like most of Weather Service is on board
- iii. Dr. Louie Uccellini and main leaders at NWS-Milwaukee Sullivan office on board
- iv. Way down the road

c) Courses

- i. Rotating Tank will be an actual course (600 level) (2-credits)
- ii. Creating new 300-level Climate Change course that is more math-based than the one they have now (can take as a sophomore)
- iii. Starting in Fall 2014 will have 2 electives every semester for graduate students for the next 3 years at least
- iv. AOS 712 General Circulation, Larissa teaching 801 Topics of Meteorology section
- v. Ankur Desai teaching a biology-angle seminar
- vi. Boundary Layer course next spring
- vii. University through Nelson Institute and CCR have contract with Oak Ridge National Lab so that there will be opportunities to do internships and fellowships with Oak Ridge in the future
- viii. Oak Ridge National Lab also has job opportunities for post-graduates (Bachelors or Masters degrees)

2. Curriculum Committee Updates
 - a) For any students who have been TA's, TA evaluation revisions so that the TA evaluations can be changed so that TA's get more constructive feedback
 - b) Email Croix in the next week or so with your own feedback on what you think should be removed or added
 - c) Last time the TA evaluations were revised was in 1993
3. Welcome Committee Updates
 - a) AMS Annual Meeting
 - i. About 44 students came to UW-Madison table and signed up
 - ii. Between 80-100 visitors total
 - iii. Pictures are up on Facebook
 - iv. Dr. Louie Uccellini (former Badger) stopped by table
 - v. UW-Milwaukee handed out sheet saying that our program did not have enough opportunities related to broadcasting
 - vi. Grant Petty considering working with UW-Milwaukee in the future to combine strengths of both departments
In a month or so, we'll start getting visiting students
 - vii. Change to the system – send emails out and get volunteers but now volunteers will be chosen based on participation in the past
 - viii. Look out for emails in the next month
4. Motion to end meeting – meeting adjourned