

GSA Meeting Minutes
May 12 2016

- Elections for 2016-2017 GSA Positions:
 - Secretary: Marian Mateling
 - Treasurer: Wil Hahn
 - Faculty Liaisons: Ethan Nelson and Elin McIlhattan
 - Facilitator: Becky Schultz
- Committee Briefings:
 - Faculty Liaison:
 - Pao Wang and Debbie Weber retiring; Greg Tripoli will be the new department chair
 - Quick survey to see if students are interested in taking classes during a 4-5 PM (approx.) time slot, overall consensus is that students aren't necessarily opposed and prefer this to early morning classes
 - Quick survey to see when students would prefer to take the QE; students taking the QE agree that it should be before the semester starts
 - Outreach Committee:
 - Sue asked if anyone is interested in speaking to Girl Scouts during June 4th about weather
 - Welcome Committee:
 - Welcome Picnic August 30th
 - 8 or 9 new graduate students
 - Social Committee:
 - Duck Blind: June 16th, \$31, look for an email from Jessica
 - Grad student-only Brewers game outing, July 8th, \$10 (not including transportation fees, which are TBD), free t-shirt night
 - Curriculum Committee:
 - Nothing
 - Seminar Committee:
 - All seminars done for the year
 - Elin will send out a sign-up email later this summer for Fall slots, prioritize those who need to give talks for graduation; early sign-up is an option
 - Grad students are very interested in doing 15-min research talks
- Graduation
 - Cake, Indie coffee, tea, soda... will be at reception
 - Music will play during reception
 - Elin is taking pictures
 - Ethan and Jessica are ushering
 - Becky is setting up signs, the powerpoint
 - New certificates to give to undergraduates as they "cross the stage"