

GSA Meeting Minutes
September 14 2016

- First meeting of the 2016-2017 Academic year:
 - Facilitator: Rebecca Schultz (reschultz@wisc.edu)
 - Secretary: Marian Mateling (mateling@wisc.edu)
 - Treasurer: Wil Hahn (wehahn@wisc.edu)
 - Faculty Liaisons:
 - Ethan Nelson (elnelson6@wisc.edu)
 - Elin McIlhattan (mcilhattan@wisc.edu)
 - Undergraduate Liaison: Joe Nettesheim (likely will be replaced)
- Committee Introductions: At the GSA meeting in October, new students will decide which committees to join
 - Social Committee:
 - Chair = Jessica Taheri (jtaheri@wisc.edu)
 - **Picnic Point bonfire September 30th 6-10 PM**
 - Working on getting a liquor license so that students can bring/drink alcohol at the picnic
 - Last year, held social events such as a corn maze outing, the Duck Blind, and created Broomball teams for the spring semester
 - Need creative ideas for cheap/free events for graduate students to participate in
 - Seminar Committee:
 - Chair = Elin McIlhattan (mcilhattan@wisc.edu)
 - In charge of getting students to sign up for coffee/tea/cookie set-up and clean-up for seminars
 - Elin is out of town and can provide students with more information during the next meeting
 - Colloquium Committee:
 - Faculty-run (Prof. Larissa Back), but can speak with Melissa Breeden (mbreeden@wisc.edu) for details
 - Help pick speakers for the Monday afternoon colloquium
 - Set up schedules for visiting speakers to have meetings/meals with people in the department
 - Help set up the annual Robock Lecture
 - Welcome Committee:
 - Chair = Melissa Breeden (mbreeden@wisc.edu)
 - Organize Welcome Picnic at the beginning of each academic year
 - Schedule group lunches and dinners with visiting prospective graduate students
 - A few members will travel to AMS Annual Meeting for recruiting at the Student Conference (Travel funds require an application from individual

students and is due October 1st. Information is found at:
<http://aos.wisc.edu/education/graduate/travelaward.html>).

- Email Melissa Breeden by next Wednesday (September 21) if you are interested in traveling to AMS with the Welcome Committee
- Curriculum Committee:
 - Chair = Marian Mateling (mateling@wisc.edu)
 - Attend monthly faculty Curriculum Committee meetings and offer student perspective
 - Recently, started conducting (annual? bi-annual?) surveys to gauge student interest in specific topics and general fields to help faculty create their 3-year plan
- Outreach Committee:
 - Last year's chair has graduated, so we are in need of a new outreach committee chair
 - Attend events or visit schools/organizations and do demonstrations such as Cloud in a Jar, Rotating Tank, etc. to garner interest in the field and department
 - Can do demonstrations for private groups as well, so students are encouraged to seek out new opportunities
 - Currently, a high school teacher in Oregon is looking for volunteers to come demonstrate the rotating tank to her students
- Graduation Committee:
 - Will form in Spring 2017
 - Puts together the graduation ceremony for the AOS department
 - Is a large time commitment for those who volunteer, so students that are graduating are encouraged not to join (as the day should be a celebration for graduating students and not stressful!)
- Solstice Party Committee:
 - Will form in Spring 2017
 - Chair = Melissa Breeden (mbreeden@wisc.edu)
 - Or "Equinox Party Committee" depending on when the party is held
 - Plans the skit that graduate students put on during the party
- Fundraising Committee:
 - A new department committee, headed by faculty
 - If interested, e-mail the AOS department chair Greg Tripoli (tripoli@aos.wisc.edu)