

GSA Minutes

April 11, 2018

Committee updates

Graduation: we need volunteers to help with the department graduation celebration on May 12. It would be great if any first years wanted to help, please email Alyson

Faculty hiring: officially, three offers have been made for faculty positions. One will defer for a year, one is for sure coming, and one is still deciding

Welcome: Jess is graduating, so we'll need a new committee chair, email her if you're interested. In June whoever the new chair is will need to reserve the pavilion for the fall welcome picnic.

Social: there's a trivia night at the WARF if anyone wants to intermingle with grad students from other departments. If there's interest we could do the Mallard Duck Blind(\$30 or \$40 for ticket, drinks, food) this summer. There may also be another happy hour or a trivia night before the end of the semester. Finally, Collin will also be graduating and a committee chair will be needed.

Outreach: there was a science day last weekend in the AOS building that went ok, but was not the most thought out in terms of timing(maybe better next time?)

Faculty liaisons: faculty want input on acceptance letter wording given new requirements from the university. There will likely be a new professionals master degree program. Feel free to email Elin for more information or to provide feedback. Jess will be attending the next/last faculty meeting in place of Elin and Bryan.

Seminar: this committee will also need a new chair

Fundraising: This is a new committee headed by Julia! The focus is on large scale fundraising to support more outreach and expanding AOS presence in community, possibly for recruitment. Donations will be solicited from alumni and looked for in various department funds. A new approach to merchandising will also be likely in conjunction with the undergrads. Leftover money from outreach may be used for "improving grad student life", ie social events. This summer will likely be about brainstorming, so if you have ideas or are interested in joining, let Julia know!

Side note: the SaladsUp fundraiser made \$20.

Orders of business

The GSA teaching award was voted on for Tristan L'Ecuyer. It will be given during the department award ceremony in a few weeks.

Building softball game/celebration cookout will be happening in a few weekends at the Bowman field. Expect friendly softball and grilling. Ask Andrew if there are any logistics that need to be taken care of, e.g. bringing grills/tables.

Next meeting will be the 1st Wednesday in May. We will hold elections and need at least 11 people to show up for the vote. Please attend!