

GSA Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2017

1. Committee Updates
 - a. Faculty liaisons
 - i. Student evals will be online starting this semester. TAs should be sure to give students 15 minutes to complete or direct them to fill out on their own time
 - ii. The last public seminar for a distinguished alum had low turnout and faculty are wondering how to address that
 1. Seems like there was a communication issue amongst the faculty, having the seminar earlier in the day may also help
 - iii. Discussion on the qual has been postponed to the February faculty meeting
 1. Any grad student feedback should be collected by then
 - b. Colloquium committee
 - i. Let Melissa know if you would like to join because she is graduating soon!
 - c. Social committee
 - i. Picnic point is fun – what else would people like to do? Happy hour, holiday party? Trivia? Free pizza on Fridays by Capitol?
 - ii. Possible opportunity to fundraise at local restaurants
 1. Need 15+ people to purchase food from participating location and a percentage of the profits will go to us
 - d. Outreach committee
 - i. Event in the works to visit a 4th grade class – expect an email in the near future
 - ii. Expanding Horizons went well!
 - e. Welcome committee
 - i. The committee will be attending both AMS and AGU this year. Stop by their booth if you'll be there!
 - f. Department seminar
 - i. Jess has taken over as chair for Elin
 - ii. Expect an email asking for spring sign ups in the next week or two
 - g. Recruitment committee
 - i. Many (~195) applications

- h. Qual committee
 - i. Expect a survey soon
- i. Mentorship committee
 - i. Planning a survey for undergrad interest and grad commitment
 - ii. Please email Zoe if you would like to join committee
 - iii. Maybe a grad student panel, too?

2. Open forum

- a. Our group is officially unfrozen
- b. December GSA meeting will be a week earlier due to AGU
- c. In the Republican's proposed tax code tuition remission would be counted as income for grad student – CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES!