

GSA Minutes

April 10, 2019

Committee Updates

- Faculty Search
 - The department made an offer to Angela Rowe, and she is currently in negotiations
 - Deanna Hence is in a separate process for another potential hire

- Outreach
 - Maria and company finished three events at Madison Youth College giving college/professional advice to high school students
 - It seems like there is no AOSS open house this spring
 - Maria is looking into more fundraising opportunities with Jon Martin
 - There is an opportunity for outreach in May with high schoolers from Janesville - contact Andrew or Maria

- Fundraising
 - Ongoing project to raise more money from the department

- Social
 - The Pi(e) dat competition was a success with Dan Vimont winning 1st prize
 - The department broomball team is currently 3-1 with playoffs occurring next week
 - The building softball game/celebration is schedule for April 27 1-5pm, with speeches around 2pm. Please bring \$5 if you would like to share a keg
 - Possible hiking event could be fun after finals/when it stops snowing
 - There is also interest in some sort of dog event(best in show? Bring your dog to work day? Therapy puppies?)

- Welcome
 - Last prospective student visited yesterday

- Faculty Liaisons
 - If you have a poster consider showing it at the Earthday Conference, and regardless consider attending
 - "Free money" is available for travel through L&S. The deadline to apply is July 31. See Ankur's earlier email
 - For TAs: let Sue know if you have bought/would like to buy supplies for your class. She can either order the supplies or reimburse you for them.
 - The library is submitting a proposal to make another study space for students and training sessions
 - The faculty are adjusting the major requirements for undergrads entering the major

- The professional masters is continuing on track
- Seminar
 - Contact Zoe if you would like a particular professional development topic to be included in the seminar lineup next fall
- Graduation
 - More help is needed for the day of graduation, May 11! Please contact Zoe if you are in town!

Other orders of business

- Zoe is organizing a mentorship program to connect undergrad and graduate students, hopefully being developed this summer and begun in the fall. If you have ideas or want to help contact Zoe.