

**GSA Minutes**  
**March 13, 2014**

**\*\* HIGHLIGHTS \*\***

**Toni is leaving soon**

**Robock Lecture on April 17th**

**RSVP to Elena Wilmot by April 11<sup>th</sup> regarding commencement**

**Possible changes to take place starting Fall 2014 for credit requirements for Masters and PhD students**

**Keep volunteering to meet with prospective students**

**Science Expeditions coming soon around April 4-5<sup>th</sup>**

- 1.) Toni's last day is April 4<sup>th</sup>
  - a) Email [willmot@wisc.edu](mailto:willmot@wisc.edu) with details about how you can give Toni and extra special "thank you" for all of her hard work!
  - b) Take the time to walk in and thank her for all she has done for the department
- 2.) Robock Lecture
  - a) April 17<sup>th</sup>
  - b) Michael Mann is the speaker
  - c) Will be held in Microbial Sciences Building
  - d) Possible student Q+A and lunch with Michael Mann
- 3.) Commencement updates – \*\* Please RSVP to Elena by April 11<sup>th</sup> if you're planning to participate in the AOS Graduation Ceremony on May 17<sup>th</sup> \*\*
- 4.) Faculty Meeting
  - a) Proposing 30 credits instead of 24 credits from courses 300 and above (changed from 400 and above) for a Master's Degree
  - b) Up to 6 credits in the Department can be counted but are not required
  - c) Pretty much no changes in the non-thesis option
  - d) Proposing 51 credits from courses 300 and above for PhD students
- 5.) Welcome Committee
  - a) More prospective students on the way (March 28<sup>th</sup>, early April)
  - b) Keep volunteering for lunches, dinners, and Q+A sessions
  - c) May try to get more bios of prospective students in the future before they visit
- 6.) Social Committee --may do potluck soon, perhaps dessert themed?
- 7.) Outreach Committee
  - a) Andrew and Zak will perform rotating tank experiments in front of middle school classes
  - b) Science Expeditions around April 4<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup> all over campus
  - c) CIMSS is involved with the Science Expeditions
  - d) Zak went to boy scout troop meeting and talked about weather observations and weather instruments – possible large campout for thousands of boy scouts over the summer – more on that later
- 8.) Motion to end the meeting – meeting adjourned