

GSA Minutes

September 13, 2013

1. Introductions
2. Weather Month at ALNC (Aldo Leopold Nature Center)
 - a) East of Monona
 - b) Climate Change Exhibit
 - c) Every weekend in October
 - d) Contact Zak Handlos (handlos@wisc.edu) or Andrew Winters (acwinters@wisc.edu) if interested or if you have questions
3. What is GSA?
 - a) Ways to get graduate students to get involved in the department
 - b) No dues
 - c) Automatically a member if a graduate student
 - d) Officers
 - i. Facilitator – Alex Karambelas (karambelas@wisc.edu)
 - ii. Faculty Liasons – Andrew Winters (acwinters@wisc.edu) and Elena Willmot (willmot@wisc.edu)
 - iii. Treasurer – Megan Kirchmeier (kirchmeier@wisc.edu)
 - iv. Secretary – Tracey Dorian (tdorian@wisc.edu)
4. GSA Committees (information on committees found on GSA website (<http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~gsa/index.html>)
 - a.) Outreach Committee
 - b.) Welcoming Committee
 - c.) Colloquium Committee
 - d.) Department Seminar
 - e.) Curriculum Committee
 - f.) Social Committee
 - g.) Aesthetics Committee on hiatus
 - h.) Awards Committee – plans to revise it (Article VI in Constitution)
5. Poll for new meeting time
 - a) Tuesday at 4:30pm vs. Wednesday at 4:00pm (original time)
 - b) Majority vote to keep original meeting time on Wednesdays at 4pm
6. Awards Committee Revision
 - a) Change restrictions on professors who can be nominated
 - b) Teaching Award vs. Faculty Award (which could include an advisor)
 - c) Possible paragraph write-up if anyone wants to nominate a professor
7. Faculty Meeting
 - a) Faculty approved the qualifying exam (September 14-15)
 - b) Ralf Bennartz left for Vanderbilt - Faculty looks for new professor
 - c) Still need to hear back from the LNS
 - d) Probably will hire a new professor in next year or two
 - e) 12 current faculty on payroll, 9 to staff curriculum needs
 - f) Next semester - Statistics class with Dan Vimont, Tropical Meteorology offered, and AOS 900 offered

8. Sign-ups for weekly Department Seminar set-up and clean-up (coffee, tea, and cookies)
9. Motion to form committees
 - a) Decided to wait
10. Motion to end meeting – meeting adjourned