

GSA Meeting Minutes  
December 12 2015

- News from the Elders:
  - Get pictures from department for a good slide show, send to Kate or Pete
- Committee Briefing:
  - Seminar Committee =
    - 27 responses to survey sent out
    - Result summary: 90% of responses like the idea of research intro presentations, preferably voluntary participation, no senior undergraduate participation, suggested an annual meeting that takes the place of a GSA meeting, prefer short speeches over longer, 67% like presentation evaluations (though some did not, they don't necessarily need to look at them; will implement this in the spring; may end up being required of the attendees), not doing a "Best Department Seminar" award, not having a broadcast meteorologist visit & talk, more interest in career development talks, as well as a talk on ethics (such as who to include as co-authors)
  - Colloquium Committee =
    - Need one more person on the committee, as someone is graduating
  - Curriculum Committee =
    - Look for survey after Christmas, before semester
    - Faculty committee met - working out class times for Fall 2016 schedule, trying to see if they can teach the meets-with 752 course in Fall of next year
  - Solstice Party Committee =
    - Seniors booked the Red Gym, but will try to change to Gordon Commons
    - Either last week of Jan / first week of Feb
  - Outreach Committee =
    - Reply to Zak's email about outreach activities if interested, though it is during AMS
  - Social Committee =
    - Everyone's studying for finals, will be social next semester
  - Welcome Committee =
    - Getting ready for AMS
    - Also trying to figure out which faculty are looking for graduate students in the coming fall, and who will have funding
- Treasury: We have \$13