

## GSA Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2020

Meeting was conducted on October 14, 2020 over Zoom. Meeting came to order at 3:35 pm and 14 graduate students were in attendance. The meeting concluded at 3:55 pm.

1. Ice Breaker: Technical difficulties resulted in the ice breaker becoming small group discussions.
2. Committee Updates:
  - Seminar: Keep attending if you are able. There will be a seminar every week to the end of the semester, excluding Thanksgiving.
  - Faculty: There will be no spring break. There are still restrictions on university sponsored travel, although some is allowed. A new center for ecology and the environment is starting in the Nelson Institute with some department involvement. Discussion over what the spring technical course will be is ongoing. The reps did not recall the DEI committee coming up at the most recent faculty meeting.
  - Social: A survey gauging interest in virtual Halloween activities will be sent around through Slack or groupme.
  - Outreach: Alicia was not present at the meeting, but Zoe and Dave gave updates on specific outreach activities. The virtual lessons with elementary students on broadcast meteorology are going well and may be expanded to additional schools. Dave relayed information from Andrew Dzambo that a teacher we have previously done outreach with is interested in a virtual class on satellite meteorology.
3. Additional Business:
  - Zoe asked if people would be interested in forming a book club on DEI topics. Miguel suggested reading literature from non-white perspectives. Discussion will continue over slack and other communication channels.