

GSA Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2021

Meeting came to order around 3:30 pm and ended at 4:25 pm. The meeting was conducted over Zoom in accordance with university guidelines during the Covid-19 pandemic. Fifteen graduate students were present.

1. Icebreaker activity. 10-minute small group discussions where groups came up with 5 things the members had in common.
2. Committee Updates.
 - a. Faculty Reps (Julia and Dave): The faculty held their monthly meeting on February 3.
 - i. Day of the Badger (university fundraising event) is April 7-8, 2021.
 - ii. University anticipates Fall 2021 semester will be “more normal” – ie back on campus.
 - iii. Changes have been made to the department email lists.
 - iv. URGE is going on. Pods have deliverables to the department that will hopefully lead to change.
 - b. Outreach (Alicia): Opportunities are now being posted in the slack channel.
 - i. Don't forget to write blurbs for the graduate student section of the website. See email from Pete for form to send in blurb.
 - ii. SSEC and CIMSS are participating in summer workshop for HS and MS students. Opportunity for graduate students to assist.
 - iii. Michael, Jon, and Margaret Mooney did a version of Met 101 for high schoolers online. Some graduate students aided in moderating.
 - c. Treasurer (Brianne): Calendar has made \$980 in profit so far to be split between GSA and AMS chapter. Still want more sales, so share the link with people you know.
 - d. Welcome: Chair not present. Virtual prospective student social held Monday Feb. 15th. Grad students who went think there could be another coming up so watch for any emails regarding meeting prospective students.
 - e. Seminar (Jerrold): There is not a seminar for the next 2 weeks. Not every week this semester has a seminar. The last 5 weeks will be Masters thesis defenses.
 - f. Social (Miguel): Looking at setting up a coffee hour or midweek break, possibly on Tuesday. Activity has been limited by not being able to have in-person events and concern about burnout on virtual calls.
 - i. Miguel raised the idea of a virtual writing group.
 - ii. Julia suggested using the open seminar slots this semester for social time.
 - iii. Colloquium zoom session opens 15 minutes before start for social in breakout rooms.
 - g. DEI reps were not present.
 - h. Alumni (Stephanie): NWS pathways program focus. Alumni are willing to assist with resumes and proofread things.

3. New Business.

- a. Opportunity: Graduate student representation for department Recruitment and Curriculum Committees. Bailey is attempting to get more information from the department administrator.
- b. Promoting involvement in GSA, particularly among 1st year grad students.
 - i. Ask faculty teaching common 1st year classes (Dynamics 2, Radiation, Oceanography) to remind their students about meetings.
 - ii. Bring up GSA at group meetings.
 - iii. Note leadership opportunities.
- c. Graduation
 - i. Likely virtual again. Zoe has taken lead several times and has notes to pass to the next chair.
 - ii. Subdivide the tasks. Chair oversees group (email reminders, keep on track).
 - 1. Video editor(s)
 - 2. Power point/program (Eric Scheuffner, the undergraduate advisor, did this last year)
 - 3. Emailer
 - 4. Video collector- asks for videos and sends reminders to those who need to send in videos.
 - 5. Card of well wishes for graduates