Official GSA Meeting



General meeting:

- 1. President call to order
- 2. Roll call by Secretary
 - Quorum Yes
- 3. Review and approval of meeting minutes from January 29th, 2014
 - Motion to Approve Minutes from January 29th, 2014: Natalia Cagide
 - Second: Owen Hunter
 - o Unanimously approved

Old Business:

- 1. Budget Report (Treasurer)
 - Allison: There is still an outstanding bill from last year and we need to discuss how to pay for it
 - Eileen: A few committees will have updated budgets by the next meeting and we could wait for them to discuss the topic
 - The discussion about the Inn Complete's outstanding bill will be revisited during the next meeting.

New Business:

- 1. Chinese Lantern Festival (International Committee)
 - The international committee is organizing this activity in collaboration with the CSSA.

- There will be a variety of performances, traditional Chinese food and much more.
- Sunday 16th February 6:00-9:00pm (Nifkin Lounge, Marshall Hall).
- We are expecting about 120 people, equivalent to the International Night.
- 2. Committee Updates
 - Grants and Awards (John):
 - TRAVEL GRANTS: Spring 2014 Travel Grant applications for travel between 1-March-2014 and 1-October-2014. Applications are due on 28-February-2014 by 5PM! Check out <u>http://www.esfgsa.com/spring-2014applications.html</u> for application details
 - 2. Craig: When will we have the results for last year's Research Grants? John will process them in the following week.
 - Results for fall 2013 Travel Grants were announced on February 24th, 2014.
 - Social (Owen): Events
 - 1. Beyond food: 9 people attended. We concluded that it'd be better to have this event during Orientation Week, as it would help new students to learn about food shopping in the area.
 - 2. Culinary Cruise: table hopping event. We will meet at college place at 11:30 and ride the bus downtown. Tickets are \$5 and the Social committee will sponsor the first 5 students.
 - 3. Chili Cook-Off: There will be veggie chili, meat chili and cornbread contests. The prices will be \$20 Wegmans' gift cards
 - Professional Development:
 - EVENT: Everything You Need to Know to Defend...and OTHER Useful Information! It's a lunchtime learning session for graduate students and their advisors. To be held on FEBRUARY 13th, 12:00-1:00 in 110 Moon Library
- 3. Bylaws/Constitution Revision:
 - Jonathan: When do we need to revise the Bylaws? I remember we met around this time of the year last semester to
 - Our current bylaws were revised and approved at the beginning of the academic year. New revisions can be introduced for the next period, any suggestions you

may have or if there is interest in having a special meeting to discuss and write any revisions, you can contact the Secretary. It's the secretary's responsibility to lead revisions to the bylaws. (Eileen)

- John: Last year, we met around this time of the year for a revision of the Constitution.
- The revision and update of the Constitution should occur during the fall semester of every calendar year divisible by four, as indicated in the Constitution, Title VI. The following Constitution revision should occur in the fall of 2016.
- 4. Miscellaneous
 - Brunch with President Wheeler: schedule is still to be determined. Craig has been in contact with his secretary to take care of it.
 - Valentine's/Anti-valentine's Bash: February, Thursday 13, 7pm at Nifkin Lounge, organized by the Music Society (Forrest)
 - Becky: Does GSA have an account number for ITS to print Posters? They no longer allow the Copy Center code. This account number should have 6 digits. There is no account number for the GSA.
 - Printing: Posters and any other printings can be purchased from ITS by asking them to send the invoice to Jim Wheeler, indicating that is for GSA, and he will process it for us.
- 5. Adjourn the Meeting
 - Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Stacey Mack
 - Second: Owen Hunter
 - Unanimously approved

Upcoming events:

- All you need to know to defend
- Valentine's/Anti-valentine's Bash
- Chinese Lantern festival
- Culinary Cruise
- Chili cook-off

Attendance:

<u>GSA Senate</u>

1. Craig Lazzar	President
2. John Wiley	VP Grants and Awards
3. Natalia Cagide	VP of International Activities
4. Owen Hunter	VP of Social Activities
5. Eileen Leon	Secretary
6. Allison Oakes	Treasurer
7. Ely Margolis	Webmaster / Communications
8. Christopher Foelker	Board of Trustees Representative
9. Jonathan Masih Das	Syracuse GSO Representative
10. Hope Ansanelli	Syracuse GSO Representative
11. Emily Handelman	Landscape Architecture Representative
12. Becky Meissner	Environmental Resource Engineering Representative
13. Stacey Mack	FNRM Representative (I)
14. Forrest Baird	PBE Representative
15. Silvia Saldivar	Environmental Forest Biology Representative (I)
16. Ingrid Brofman	Environmental Science Representative (I)
17. Rigoberto Melgar	Environmental Science Representative (II)
18. Yunyun Bi	SCME Representative
19. N. Scott Bergey	Chemistry Representative
20. Doug Morrison	Faculty Advisor