



Reminders:

- Next Meeting is Wednesday, April 3rd 12:45-1:45,
- A new EFB Representative is needed to take Brent Johnson's place.
- Put your committee's events on the GSA calendar to keep from having overlapping events!
- Start getting the word out that GSA Elections will be coming soon, see who may be interested!!
- Always return the chairs from Nifkin to Nifkin, the Physical Plant wanted to remind us.

General meeting:

1. President call to order
2. Roll call by Secretary
3. Review and approval of meeting minutes from 3/6/2013
 - o Last addition to mention that VP Annual Reports are available to VPs on the GSA Gmail Account and Google Docs
 - o Motion to Approve Minutes: Stacey Mack
 - o Second: Scott Sveiven
 - o Unanimously Approved

Old Business:

1. **Constitutional Bylaw Amendments** – Designated proxies and voting, no further comments were emailed.
 - Review Amendments and Final Comments

- Acronyms have been adjusted, Committee responsibility adjustments (For example, stating that the social committee works with OIGS to coordinate events for orientation, this was removed because while it is recommended it is not a requirement)
- Abbie Larkin will be doing final formatting before bylaws are officially publicized.
- The new bylaws will effect how elections are conducted; this will be addressed at the next meeting.
- Vote on Amendments
 - Motion to Approve Amendments: John Wiley
 - Second: Scott Sveiven
 - Unanimously Approved

2. Gateway Mixer Updates

- Scheduled for April 12th in Gateway, co-sponsored by USA, GSA, and Faculty Governance. Will be held in the conference room and the hallways will be used for some activities.
- USA is putting \$500-800 into the event and would like some financial support from GSA. How much would we like to contribute? Would it be alright to co-sponsor this event? Will ask how much is needed and to fund what, will have an amount to be approved next meeting. Have asked that a flyer be made for the event as well.
- The alcohol policy says that we cannot charge money as GSA for alcohol, but we are able to hire a bartender to run a cash bar in the Gateway Building (Catherine Miller has confirmed). One suggestion is that every attendee will get a ticket for one free drink from the funds GSA or USA are contributing to the event and will be cash bar after that. This also takes the liability of “over-serving” off of GSA because there is an alcohol service being employed.

New Business:

1. Chasing Ice Documentary (C. Lazzar)

- a. Idea for GSA to purchase tickets for graduate students to attend Earth Day Screening and CNY Climate Change Panel Presentation April 7th at the Palace Theatre.
 - i. Wanted students to purchase blocks of tickets to promote attendance, the theater can hold up to 700ppl, pre-sale tickets are \$5, this documentary is an award winning Documentary in the style of Planet

Earth. It follows the retreat of Glaciers, was presented at the Sundance Film Festival. Can find clips of it on You Tube, some of the largest glacier cavities are captured on film.

- ii. Craig is trying to orchestrate car pooling to the event at The Palace Theater. Since we have a few people interested in biking to the event, we can have them provide an email for other potential bikers and Craig will be the contact for anyone who wants to drive together.
- iii. The major announcements of the documentary are coming out in two weeks, and ticket sale may pick up after that even though it is not selling out yet. Craig suggested circulating an email or conducting polling/an event through facebook as a way to get responses, instead of flyers. Todd suggested that we should consider giving away a definite number of tickets and making sure it is a number that will be easy to get rid of based on his experiences with GSO.
- iv. We have not sponsored this type of event before, Owen Hunter will check with USA to see if they would like it to be a co-sponsored event and purchase a set of tickets available to undergraduate students. Can possibly ask Suzy Beardsley at The Student Affairs Office to hold tickets for people to pick up. There is unbudgeted money and money left in miscellaneous to provide tickets from. We could also organize having a speaker come to ESF to draw interest, Dave Eichorn may be interested in speaking.
 1. Motion to provide \$250 from the Miscellaneous budget to buy 50 Tickets: John Wiley
 2. Second: Scott Sveiven
 3. Unanimously Approved

2. Budget Update:

- a. Budget is updated as of receipts received by March 5th. Are well within what has been budgeted, will have leftover money and need to start thinking about what to do with it to give that money back to current Graduate Students. Will know how much money there is leftover from the international night budget and possibly want to look into having the money allocated to another speaker. There are plenty of travel grants that can be funded with the extra money. A more detailed budget is available for VPs of Committees if needed, ask Steve. April 20th is the Campus Day of Service, possibly could use money to provide gift cards to car poolers. Next week we will discuss possibilities for further budget allocations.

3. Committee Updates and Upcoming Events

- a. Professional Development-

i. Elevator Pitch Competition-

1. Need 8 volunteers for this Friday, need 5 from outside of the Professional Development Committee. Two of the volunteers need to have had the Alcohol Server Training.
 2. There has been some difficulty in determining who has signed up for the Elevator Pitch and Flannel 5k. Lin-Going directly from the website will show clearly who signed up for what. If you want to participate, can still sign up. There is a 1 minute pitch followed by a question. Five judges; Colin Beier, Scott Shannon, Tom McGrath, Benette Whitmore and Whitney LM will be participating. From 3-4:30 is the competition, after 4:30 the Research Mixer and Raffle will start. Whitney LM-Need to talk this event up to Faculty for the Faculty to attend and not just their students. Faculty are not eligible for Elevator Pitch prizes, the Elevator Pitch tab on the GSA website has all the info.
 3. Can undergrads compete as well? They can attend the event and go to the mixer. They could also give an elevator pitch but not be eligible for prizes for their pitch. Volunteer sheet for the event is going around, need help with clean up.
- ii. Would like to encourage coordination with the ERE department for visiting students to attend events, this year they had many visiting prospective students go to the Ice Skating event. Should encourage other departments on this as well. Just need to figure out a time when there will definitely be visiting students. Social committee can work with this in the future.

b. Social-

- i. Flannel 5k website/sign-up is up. Email will be going out soon. Todd-by doing the run that was picked, there is no DP Officer needed, saves money and no roads need to be closed. The event will start and end at The Inn Complete on South Campus.
- ii. Any comments for 408 Baker for the TG? Was slightly crowded at the peak of the event. The room is nicer than Nifkin because of the window/natural light. Was not difficult to bring things upstairs, could not bring the bar but with the elevator it was not hard to bring up the kegs. People appreciated the ease of getting beer by having a separate room for the kegs, also made it easier to manage serving.

c. Speaker-

- i. No set events. Heather Englemen asked if we would be willing to sponsor a speaker talking about Revitalizing Baltimore. The event would be at the end of April. If anyone is interested in speaking as a graduate research Noon in Moon event, please let Brent know.
- d. Grants and Awards-
 - i. Today at 5pm is the deadline for research grants. There were two turned in this morning, even if there are not many more there is plenty of need for travel grants.
- e. International-
 - i. Had a good turnout, performances were great and President Murphy spoke. There was not an easy way to get a head count, but there were about 100 people. No other events planned for this semester.

4. USA Updates (Owen Hunter)

- a. Table/comments box may be set out at the Trailhead for suggestions. Trailhead committee is having a meeting April 2nd at 4pm in Bray 217, Owen and Paul cannot go and need another person to sit in. Jes Bouchard will sit in.
- b. The Vera House "A Mile in Her Shoes" event will be on April 12th.
- c. Also had a USA member ask a question about whether or not there is a TG on April 19th, wanted the event moved possibly due to Earth Week. Need to confirm with Emily if the event is that date or not. GSA is still technically on the calendar for reserving April 19th in Nifkin.

Upcoming events:

- Friday March 29, 3-7pm Elevator Pitch and Research Mixer in Gateway Building
- Monday 12:45 in small computer lab in Baker-GPES Advising Session to help with course selection for next semester.
- April 6th, 3:30pm Flannel 5k at The Inn Complete followed by refreshments
- April 12th, 12-1pm A Mile in Her Shoes event through The Vera House-men are encouraged to wear high heels
- April 15th 12, 110 Moon, Writing for Publication Event
- April 23rd, 3pm Co-sponsored event with the WISE Group: Jackie Carerra presents "Revitalizing Baltimore" in Gateway Bldg Event Room B

Attendance:

GSA Senate

Whitney Lash Marshall

John Wiley

Prajakta Dongre
Abbie Larkin
Whitney Carleton
Owen Hunter
Scott Sveiven
Tom Taggart
David Schmidt
Stacey Mack
Kelly Bancroft
Ari Engelberg
Doug Morrison
Craig Lazzar (non-voting member)
Steve Balogh
Matt Regan
Brent Johnson
Michele Heirholzer
Jes Bouchard

Guests:

Todd Metcalfe –VP of External Affairs for GSO