



Reminders/Follow-up:

All: pass along ideas for Spotlight keynote speaker to Whitney

All: let Whitney know if you can volunteer at the Env. Career Fair

Kelly: ask for USA members we could directly contact for brainstorming, also if they have concerns for the State Assembly

Lewis: email GSA more details on the State Assembly

Lewis/Scott/Jenny: what benefits are derived by the \$15 that goes to GSO?

Lewis/Jesse/Jenny: subscribe GSA to GSO calendar

General Meeting

1. Professional Dev.
 - a. Preparing for Defense -- follow up to "so you want to graduate"
 - b. Spotlight on Student Research
 - i. ideas for keynote speaker -- alumni?
 - c. Research Mixer/Elevator Pitch
 - i. rescheduling -- lots of push from faculty to put it on still
 - ii. bumping up prize, more guidance on constructing speeches
 - d. Env. Careers Fair Feb 29th 10:30-3:30
 - i. if available to help between 7:30-4, let Whitney know
 - e. Preparing for Candidacies
 - i. forming network of interested individuals, not a traditional panel event
2. Budget (no new discussion)
 - a. money spent from communications account? -- went to last year's budget
3. Speaker Series
 - a. Student Speaker, Noon in Moon Feb. 10th (other slots filled for semester)
 - b. SOTSOG: Ben Walther Texas A&M: chemical proxies in fish to reconstruct climates March 29th Thursday 3-5 reserved Nifkin
 - c. Contacted Faculty, heard back from Chem (up to \$500 potentially) and ERE (offered support based on ERE students in attendance)
 - i. send memos (prof dev tactic, could be a joint letter), ask in person also, emails are sort of failing
4. Social
 - a. Ice Skating Feb. 24th (collaboration with GSO)
 - b. Chili Cook-off Feb. 19th
 - c. No March 2nd. event

5. International Night: April 1st
 - a. collaborative effort by GSA (led by Cat, Emily, Lori, Jenny, Abbie, Scott)
 - b. coordinate performers, slide show, cooking food, catered food, reimbursements
 - c. contact multicultural affairs, invite involvement from other offices/groups

6. Campus Relationships -- collaborations
 - a. Potential efforts with USA
 - i. joint TG: casual conversations, but crossing professional line?
 1. maybe a picnic instead
 - ii. Panel on Graduate School -- something they organize, and we fill
 1. ask for representatives at next meeting to pursue ideas/panel
 - iii. More career advice -- they could collaborate with career services
 - iv. Earth Week BBQ April 16-22nd -- more input from grads, specific needs
 - v. Better communication/collaboration
 1. can we talk directly to Laura? -- she'll pass on info, so will Kelly
 2. happy to coordinate, share info about coordinating events
 3. "ask a grad student" blog/forum on website potential
 - vi. Bar meeting with Green Construction Club, Laura, USA
 1. demonstrated proper use of bar, chart to keep track of use, supplies, cleaning, etc.
 - vii. Undergrads are welcome to all relevant events, but our budget is from graduate students and we ought to continue to cater to grads.
 1. better ways to advertise to them? keep track of who's there, how they learned about the event

 - b. GSO -- meeting with executive board last Thursday
 - i. Complimented the GSA, particularly our website (Yay Jesse!)
 - ii. Discussed structure, goals
 - iii. Itemized budget of costs to provide services to students by GSO, we pay \$15 per student -- they were asking for more
 1. Joe Rufo meeting informed us that ESF pays SU ~ \$4,000 per student for a suite of services
 2. Discussed with Scott Shannon, we pay SU directly for the things that GSO had itemized. Scott/Kat will follow up with Joe
 3. What does the \$15 actually cover?
 - a. This is not a payment that GSA has any control over
 4. resend email detailing SU benefits -- already on website
 5. Perhaps we need a meeting with Joe Rufo, GSA, and GSO?
 - a. or just summarize points in an email
 - iv. We have 3 (voting?) seats in their senate for representation
 - v. They operate to allocate funds to projects, not the same as our functions

- vi. Can we submit proposals for their funds? Do we then invite their proposals to us for support and funds?
- vii. Advertising events -- line of communication between Jenny, GSO, Stephanie Melnychuk, put GSO events on weekly events email, also subscribe to each other's (google) calendars?
- viii. obligation is promoting positive relationship among students

- c. SUNY Student Assembly -- any issues?
 - i. research possible domains, email us (Lewis)
 - ii. coordinate with USA's issues (Kelly)

- d. Alcohol issues -- by the book, review permit and policies to be sure we are aware

- e. GPES survey -- include questions from coordinators/chairs/heads, going out next week

Attendance:

Doug Morrison	X	Bali Quintero	Alex Levine	X
Lewis Grove	X	Jenny Wang	X Nick Pasco	X
Jennifer Yantachka	X	Scott Sveiven	X David Schmidt	
Abbie Larkin	X	Emily Hughes	X John Paul Buyondo	
Jesse Robinson	X	Kat DeVilbiss	X Tom Brumbelow	X
Cat Foley	X	Kelly Fitzsimmons	X Stephanie Figary	
Whitney L Marshall	X	Lindsey Perez	X Natasha Karniski	
Lori Cornell	X	Emily Johnson		