



**Reminders/Follow-up:**

**EVERYONE:** attend the after-meeting mixer and BBQ on Friday

**JEN/DAVID/STEVE:** keep up with grant winners and receipts.

**WHITNEY LM:** office re-supply (Scott'll get you white board dimensions)

**General Meeting**

Committee Updates and Events

1. Social Committee (Cat)
  - a. End of Year BBQ Friday May 4th @ Inn Complete
  - b. Please bring outdoor games to the event!
  - c. Need help from the group over the summer in planning fall orientation events.
  - d. Yay for next year!
2. Professional Development Committee (Whitney LM)
  - a. Upcoming Careers Panel canceled, difficulty getting alumni to commit.
  - b. Could possibly contact John Wiley's office to serve on next year's panel.
3. Speaker Committee (Scott)
  - a. Final event were last Tuesday and Friday -- well attended!
  - b. Still reconciling the budget, receiving funding from departments, etc.

Other Business

1. Travel Grants request \$300-700 more in funding.
  - a. Jen will contact winners, tell them deadline, David/Steve will be here over summer for follow up.
2. Research in Need Grants request \$200 more in funding.
3. Awards
  - a. Announcing at BBQ, 3 of 4 recipients will be there.
4. Budget
  - a. Future needs (some money left on staples and am. express card) -- Whitney can get other supplies: poster board (scott'll send dimensions), white board/markers, tapes, clipboards, pens, dish soap, sponges, ink cartridges
  - b. Motion (Abbie) to allocate up to \$200, seconded (Cat), in favor: 16
  - c. We should record the exact amount of remaining funds so we know how much we can start with in the Fall (no matter what the business office says we have).
  - d. Put some on smaller in case they are lost, Am Ex helpful for gift cards -- wait for this until the Fall semester

- e. Alumni Soccer Game: \$138
    - i. no new information, we usually don't fund external events
    - ii. Whitney: it's a select group of people invited, not the whole grad body.
    - iii. Scott: not really what we do or serving our entire constituency.
    - iv. No motion.
  - f. Still lots of extra money!
  - g. Recent \$2000 influx of funds, but not much explanation as to how or why
    - i. \$3,445 total unallotted.
    - ii. keep \$500 just in case
    - iii. Motion (Emily) to transfer \$700 to travel, seconded (Cat F), in favor: 14 none opposed, some abstain (?).
    - iv. Motion (Lori) to allocate to RIN, second, (Whitney LM), in favor:16, none opposed/abstained.
  - h. Communications account was likely merged into unallotted.
    - i. Merge orientation and social committee account, cost ~\$130 last year.
5. Bali's comments:
- a. Hold GSA meetings during universal common hour so everyone can attend.
  - b. Conduct budget meeting with whole student body during August to encourage transparency, report how we spend student's money, report again at the end of the school year to discuss plans future spending.
  - c. Deliver State of GSA Address
  - d. Discussion:
    - i. Jen: Problem is our accounts are controlled by the business office, always estimates and totals tend to fluctuate, little accuracy in reporting.
    - ii. Jesse: We do let them know about how we spend our money, and lack of attendance at meetings is not just a scheduling conflict. Zero complaints on our social media and websites about transparency, all meeting information is included in minutes and posted online.
    - iii. Jen: Could prepare a spreadsheet at the beginning and end of the year with estimates regarding budget.
      - 1. Could email budget or embed in minutes.
    - iv. Lewis: People will likely have multiple, alternative commitments during the common hour.
    - v. Nick: We already have representatives with the job of communicating with their fellow students and departments.
    - vi. Abbie: We can definitely try to put this as a question on our surveys -- both if people would prefer meetings at the common hour, or at a

different time/day, as well as if they would be interested in a budget meeting or more information on how we allocate our funds.

- vii. Jen: Not everyone has to come to all our meetings, maybe a few times.
    - 1. Kat: Plan occasional meetings maybe during that common hour.
  - viii. Scott: have you heard complaints? Bali: no, personal opinion, just wants to open up the organization/process, could relieve current member's responsibilities, improve engagement, etc.
  - ix. Whitney: we're definitely getting better at participation and engagement and this is a good suggestion.
  - x. Kean: Maybe we can reinvent a current event as a better method of participation and engagement, such as handing out budget sheets during TGs or describing our events more or something.
  - xi. Daniela: Focusing on money is not always the best way to create engagement and space.
  - xii. Emily: This is a great suggestion for next year's GSA
  - xiii. Jen: Will be sure to include this as a topic with Steve's orientation.
  - xiv. Cat: Daniela has good point, we do so well with a small budget, focusing on the budget doesn't really describe what we do or who we are.
  - xv. Lori: If we are already producing committee summary reports, we can publicize that information during first TG, let them know what we do, attach survey link, budget, etc.
  - xvi. Lewis: Tabled until next year and can discuss during training.
6. Grants and Awards as a separate entity (Scott)
- a. Ad hoc committees as of now, different criteria for travel vs. RIN.
  - b. Proposing a new committee for next year, seeking new member's feedback.
    - i. A few students have told Scott this is the most important thing they think GSA does, so we should evaluate it next year and look for improvements.
  - c. Can incorporate in this summer's work on the Constitution, and maybe it will be an elected position for the future.
  - d. John Wiley has great ideas and would like to lead this, folds into Professional Development Committee goals too.
  - e. We can talk about this more during our preliminary meeting/training in the Fall.
  - f. Daniela: GSA needs systematic criteria for evaluation for these grants.
  - g. Jesse: Put this under the Prof Dev committee? similar goals, subcommittee?
  - h. Jimmy: a formal committee would clarify who is serving to evaluate the applications, and it would be good to have a point person and standard criteria.

**Attendance:**

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CURRENT MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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| Doug Morrison      | X | Bali Quintero     | X | Alex Levine       | X |
| Lewis Grove        | X | Jenny Wang        | X | Nick Pasco        | X |
| Jennifer Yantachka | X | Scott Sveiven     | X | David Schmidt     | X |
| 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  | X |
| Whitney L Marshall | X | Lindsey Perez     |   | Natasha Karniski  |   |
| Lori Cornell       | X | Emily Johnson     |   |                   |   |

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FUTURE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Kelly Bancroft   | Brent Johnson       | Jess Bouchard |
| Jimmy McCarthy   | Stephen Balogh      | John Wiley    |
| Kean Clifford    | Prajakta Dongre     | Emily Ogburn  |
| Tom Taggart      | Daniela Manushevich | Ari Engelberg |
| Whitney Carleton |                     |               |

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