



**Reminders/Follow-up:**

**Cat:** poll interest in wine tour, set International Night date (contact R. Drummer, C. Salter)

**Jenny:** coordinate meeting next week with GSO representatives

**Jen:** prepare list of GSA members for ITS

**Lewis:** send info on Bolivia film to all of GSA, email listserv for International Chair

**Scott:** logo for Women's Caucus event; Limburg, Cohen, others for speaker contacts

**Whitney:** edit GPES survey to be applicable to all departments

**General Meeting:**

COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Social Committee

- a. Sunday afternoon Feb. 12 skiing/snowshoeing at Highland Forest
  - i. GSA provide transportation, not rental fees
- b. Friday Feb. 24th or March 2nd Ice Skating TG at Tennity + food/keg at Inn
  - i. coordinate with SU GSO?
- c. Chili Cook-off Feb 26th or March 4th
  - i. prizes, no reimbursements, no beer
- d. Wine Tour
  - i. off-set bus rental not tasting fees, maybe \$20-25 per person
  - ii. send out survey to test for interest
- e. Traditional April TG
- f. Bowling TG on a Friday or Saturday
- g. Good-bye BBQ on a Weekend
  - i. check on dates of Mayfest, USA, SU TGIO for conflicting events

2. Budget

- a. less funds that we anticipated, likely coming out of misc. or some other fund
- b. Jen's on top of it, and we will straighten it out next meeting
- c. ITS dept. request: a list of GSA members expected to make posters (Jen)
  - i. ~\$7 for glossy poster, ~4 for matte -- can't recycle glossy posters!

3. Professional Development

- a. Friday Feb. 3rd @noon *So You Want to Graduate?* open forum, paperwork, OIGS
- b. Spotlight on Student Research April 12th (grad posters only)
  - i. working out budget for awards
  - ii. committee might need more help to pull off event!
- c. Elevator Pitch (postponed)

- i. faculty want to come, but not enough students registered
    - ii. could host a training session first (run by Lim)
    - iii. funding from OIGS and maybe Outreach
    - iv. suggestion: extend personal invitation to Faculty (face to face)
  - d. Grant Writing Workshop
    - i. Boyer (Chem) wants to get "Exemplary Research" award winners on campus (faculty) to form a committee to review proposals
    - ii. future plans to commit more resources/funds as grants to students
  - e. Maybe one other Panel: preparing to defend your thesis/dissertation
  - f. Careers for Grad Students (end of semester) supported by Career Services
    - i. send out info to grads to entice them to come
- 4. Speaker Committee
  - a. Michael Amadori 110 Moon at noon
    - i. 6 total this semester
  - b. support Lilian Alessa April 17th 4-5pm presentation with Women's Caucus
    - i. plan reception, make sure our logo ends up on posters
  - c. Shifting Paradigms
    - i. Paul Stamets " Ways That Mushrooms Can Save the World" (\$\$)
    - ii. Gavin (Cat's connection) wants to replace plastics with fungus products
    - iii. Martin Dovciak's former advisor
    - iv. contacted Cohen, potential coordination with Adaptive Peaks
  - d. Standing on the Shoulders of Giants
    - i. Leandro Costello (former ESF, Maxwell grad)
    - ii. Contact of Karin Limburg?
    - iii. Contact of Cohen, couldn't make Spotlight?
  - e. Evaluate the goals of the speaker series: big names? resources to support?
- 5. Bolivia and MacDonaldis Film + Pedro
  - a. \$200 to show, support from PLACA
  - b. Lewis will send out more info on the film
  - c. maybe with USA
- 6. International Chair (Lewis)
  - a. Cat has an idea for a person, but Lewis will ask the listserv
  - b. the only event left is really International Night
  - c. Cat will set date, will check with Raydora Drummer ([rsdrumme@esf.edu](mailto:rsdrumme@esf.edu) ) and Carolyn Salter ([cmsalter@esf.edu](mailto:cmsalter@esf.edu) )
  - d. identify chair by next meeting or we will run the event as a GSA

7. March 2nd New Student Event (OIGS?)
  - a. plan event? (Cat and Jesse)
  - b. same day as Ice Skating TG, maybe move
  - c. find funding from other departments for TG?
  - d. good feedback from prospective students regarding website!
    - i. get site on Graduate School Website
  
8. GSA relations: Faculty/Undergrad
  - a. faculty would like to more involved
    - i. too busy to read our emails, would like a personal invitation
  - b. put events on campus calendar
  
9. GPES Follow-up (satisfaction survey)
  - a. 15 responses, will send out survey again, also to other departments (edit)
  - b. Community Land Planning Program
  - c. do secretaries keep track of offices? who to talk to?
  - d. student/department committee to review handbooks?
  - e. make this information more public, so folks are more accountable
  - f. give clear suggestions on how to improve
  - g. prepare summary of report comparing departments, provide some solutions to problems, disseminate amongst all department/division chairs/coordinator, faculty, Faculty Governance.
  - h. GPES email from Patti, also directly from GSA to other
    - i. confidentiality of survey results?
    - ii. add Lori and Emily J's emails as contacts on the survey
    - iii. change from "advisor" to "home department"
  
10. Spring Awards (Not Discussed)

**Attendance:**

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