

GSA Meeting Agenda: November 12th, 2018

- Welcome

- Department & Related Events
 - o Kelly (next department meeting November 19)
 - o Chili cook-off last week
 - Thank you to participants and attendees
 - Winners:
 - Meat Chili: Marcela
 - Vegetarian Chili: Susan
 - Cornbread: Jordi
 - o Undergraduate research symposium is on November 29 at 6:30 pm, Erickson Kiva
 - o Sherry Nakhaeizadeh lecture Thursday, December 6th at 11 am in Baker 155; cognitive bias in forensics

- Jack
 - o Update from last department meeting
 - Professionalization course is cancelled
 - MSU is moving to a 15 hour block, meaning that if you take 12-18 hours you will pay for 15 credit hours. This will likely decrease summer enrollment, which impacts opportunities for graduate students to teach the online courses.
 - The department is creating more opportunities for dissertation completion funding, and this will likely create changes with current conference funding.
 - o Update from Department Chair Search Committee
 - Jack will serve as the representative
 - It was recommended that, if the graduate students would like to report concerns for the hire, we go straight to the dean.

- COGS update (Amber)
 - o COGS has a surplus of money. They are trying to decide what to do with this surplus. They will bring back the child care grant and may allow students to receive conference funding more than once.
 - o Next meeting is Wednesday, November 14, 2018.
 - o Please reply to the COGS treasurer with comments to the proposed changes (separate email).

- Treasury update (Livy)
 - o Chili Cook-Off: We made about \$210
 - o GSA funds total about \$850

- GEU update (Livy)
 - o Jeff B is now serving as the co-representative. Thank you, Jeff!

- GSA Activity Updates
 - o November 12 at 7:00
 - We did a discussion panel for the undergraduates. We answered questions about financial aid, mental health, and advice on applying and preparing to apply for graduate school.

- Undergrad Workshop Update
 - 6 students interested in the workshop
 - If you are interested in helping with the workshop, please contact Kelly. You have the option of formally meeting with a student in the workshop or communicating via email to help edit their letters and CVs.
 - The workshop will be either November 26 at 7:30pm or December 4 at 7:30pm. Pizza will be provided. We will update you on the date via email and Facebook.
- GSA Symposium
 - Potential date: February 8, 2019
 - Planning committees
 - Jack
 - Amber
 - Meal Committee
 - Livy
 - Micayla
 - Budget and swag
 - Kelly
 - We are contacting the department to see if they will sponsor our event again.
 - We will also apply for funding from COGS
 - **Please consider presenting at the symposium and encourage your advisors to present! It is great practice and always a fun and interesting day.**
- Discuss potential for Taco cook off along with Bake Sale, or adding another Spring food event?
 - Bake Sale will be in March. Date TBD. **Please start thinking of things you can submit to the raffle. The raffle always brings in a lot of money for GSA. Small items purchased while on fieldwork are very popular.**
 - Taco Cook off will be in early May. More to be discussed later.
- Christmas party, December 8th, location TBD.
- **Next meeting: December 6, 2018, 4:15 pm, at Pizza House. Cheesy bread included.**
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