

# GSA Meeting Agenda

• SEPTEMBER 24 2020 •

## WELCOME

- Attendance

## DEPARTMENT & RELATED EVENTS (MICAYLA SPIROS)

- Introduction to the GSA (Graduate Students in Anthropology)
  - Point of contact—Department, COGS, and the GEU
  - Activity coordinators for the department Symposium
    - We're going to try to figure out how to do them virtually this year
    - Symposium
      - Where students and faculty can present research
        - Can be practice for conferences or to get to know other's research
  - Grad activities— events, volunteering, fundraising
    - Again, working how to adapt to virtual
      - Welcome any ideas
- 2020-2021 Requests for Funding (9/25)
  - Send in ASAP!
  - For the entire year and summer (different from normal – usually just year)
- MSU Community Compact
  - Agreement talked about at MSU (wear face masks, limit in-person gatherings, etc.)
  - Faculty – would like students to distance as much as possible
  - Repeat offenders can be suspended
- CSS Awards (i.e. DCFs) interim and final progress reports are mandatory
  - Progress reports are mandatory for any funding you get through the college
    - If they don't specifically note it in your award letter, contact Dr. Morgan and she will figure out who you need to contact, etc.
- Time Clocks— Comprehensive Exams/Degrees
  - College – currently not doing an extension overall
    - Trying to get an easier extension request process
- Anthropology labs are open for dissertation research
  - BUT – department being very cautious
  - Need to fill out health survey EVERY day you come to campus
  - This process may change depending on cases going forward
- Dual Degree Students—MOU
  - Memos of Understanding
    - Department needs to have one on file for you
- Corey/Thompson
  - Call in December most likely
    - As of now, still planning to go ahead as normal
  - Corey – travel

- Thompson – equipment (not travel)
- Talk to your committees about your plan of study pertaining travel
  - Does not matter what stage of research you are at
  - Need to figure out how to navigate the travel restrictions
  - Dr. Morgan recommends discussing the next 18-20 months and assuming nothing will be open
- GCPC Dates were sent out on 9/14/2020 (see your email)
- Department Diversity Initiative
  - Dr. Morgan talked about this in the town hall
  - 4 task forces to address the statements that the department has made
    - Will reconsider what we are doing as a department
    - Task force 1: update syllabi, etc., fall deadline
    - Task force 2: enforces task force 1 findings
    - Task force 3: proper training, mentor relationships
    - Task force 4: admissions processes
  - Only met for the first time a week and a half ago
  - Micayla has requested that we are included in these discussions (are informed about them)
    - Can also ask Dr. Camp who is leading the task forces
- Social Science CAPS Connect with Jessica Mitchell-Corsino
  - She has office hours each week
  - Can sign up for them on the CAPS website
  - EAP or Survivor Center also available
    - CAPS only offers a few sessions
    - EAP – give you a lot more
      - [eap.msu.edu](http://eap.msu.edu)
      - EAP is open to TAs, RAs, faculty, employees
    - Survivor – unlimited sessions
      - [centerforsurvivors.msu.edu/](http://centerforsurvivors.msu.edu/)
      - the center for survivors is open to anyone in the broader msu community

### **COGS UPDATE (RHIAN DUNN)**

- Webcam Teaching Policy
  - Students are not required to put webcam on
    - Exception – testing
- COVID 19
  - Online gym sessions available
  - COGS reaching out to see how TAs should address a situation where a student gets COVID
  - Grad students are included in the recommended quarantine
- Director of Equity and Inclusion
  - In progress
  - Working to give position real power

## **TREASURY UPDATE (ELENA WATSON)**

- Current Amount
  - What do we usually use funds for?
    - Snacks for each meeting
    - Symposium snacks and SWAG
    - GSA scholarships
      - Offer them throughout the year (for covering costs for books, computer repairs, conference fees, etc.)
      - Will discuss the scholarships in the next meeting
        - Call will go out later in the semester
      - Need to attend meetings and/or events in order to be eligible
    - ~\$560 in cashbox and ~\$50 in our university account (which has to stay in the account)
      - \$610 total, but only \$560 to work with
- Fundraising Events
  - Used to be: chili cook off (fall) and bake sale with raffle (spring)
  - Now: we have to adjust how we do fundraising
    - We welcome any ideas!
    - Three main ideas brought up:
      - 1) Clothing department donation via Thred Up
        - GSA collects clothing from the department and money from sales goes to GSA
        - Set up where GSA collects or a drop-off location (or we provide instructions for donating if anyone is uncomfortable)
      - 2) Research symposium
        - Potentially video version of symposium with video housed online
          - Opportunity for practice in virtual environment
        - Potentially making the symposium a competition – vote on the best video
          - Every video online, but in-person conversations as well
      - 3) Raffle
        - Local business gift cards, Jake's bread, etc.

## **GEU UPDATE (JEFF BURNETT)**

- Union Update— Emails on 9/10/2020 & 9/24/2020
  - Jeff sent out two emails
- Grad Appointment Levels
  - Sent over document about appointment levels
  - Feel free to ask Jeff Burnett if you have any questions

## **GSA ACTIVITIES UPDATE (EMILY MILTON)**

- Zoom Happy Hour— Themes?
  - Let us know who is interested!

- Too much zoom? Or a good way to get together?
- GSA Donation Pick Up
  - Volunteers
    - Who would like to volunteer to help out?
- Video Fundraising Competition
  - Committee
    - Working to put a committee together to get this set up
  - Hoping for some live presentations as well (if possible)
    - The videos will be a part of the overall symposium
    - Videos – a formal part of the anthropology’s website
      - For others outside of the department too
        - A community outreach for new students, etc.

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- Any questions, comments, concerns?