

GSA Meeting Agenda

• OCTOBER 22 2020 •

WELCOME

- Attendance

DEPARTMENT & RELATED EVENTS (MICAYLA SPIROS)

- Coronavirus Updates
 - Weekly positive cases down
- Spring Teaching Updates
 - Will be discussed in the next faculty meeting now that we now what the spring semester looks like
- Quarantine Suspensions
 - You can get suspended for not quarantining or for not contact tracing
- Teaching Awards
 - Coming out soon
 - Start thinking of what faculty to nominate
 - Can bring money back to the department if our faculty get them
- Study Abroad
 - 10 students max
 - No traveling at all (needs to be one location)
 - Needs to be within 75 miles of an airport or 75 miles of a hospital
 - 2 faculty members associated
 - Likely will have little to no enrollment
- Fall Admission
 - Anthropology will be taking graduate students for next year
 - Still December 1st deadline
 - Can take up to 5 students, but will decide how many students to take based on the budget next semester
- Graduate Student Listening Session
 - Something that they are trying to get started
 - Check emails for news on this
- Department Funding
 - Summer funding will be distributed in the spring and so that you can save it for the summer (it's therefore spring AND summer funding at once)

COGS UPDATE (RHIAN DUNN)

- Graduate School updates
 - <https://www.smithsonianofi.com/fellowship-opportunities/committee-on-institutional-cooperation-cic-fellowship/7868-2/>
 - GEU: Join us on Zoom from 6:00-7:00 this Thursday, 10/22, to learn how to write and submit effective public comments in support of international students! RSVP here or at the link below for the Zoom link, or see the attached infographic for comment-writing tips.
- DHS F1/J1 Visa Policy
 - <https://beta.regulations.gov/document/ICEB-2019-0006-0001>
 - Go to this link if you would like to submit a comment (closes on Oct 25th)
 - COGS released a statement that they are not in agreement

- COVID-19
 - Students and TAs are not able to get ahold of professors
 - If this happening, let someone in your department know (it's definitely happening in some departments)
 - Rhian can also let COGS know if someone is in that situation
- Medical absence policy
 - Currently no medical absence policy – COGS is working on it

TREASURY UPDATE (ELENA WATSON)

- Current Amount
- Fundraising Event Update

GEU UPDATE (JEFF BURNETT)

- See 10-21-2020 Email

GSA ACTIVITIES UPDATE (EMILY MILTON)

- GSA ThredUp Donation Pick Up
 - Still looking into clothes!
- Video Fundraising Competition (Awaiting Approval)
 - Committee

OPEN FLOOR

- Any questions, comments, concerns?
- Email sent out by President Stanley
 - We are required to participate in a Medical Study?
 - We can draft an email with our concern and send to COGS
 - Sent out an email to the PIs of the medical study to see if they knew that it would be mandatory

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