

GSA Meeting Agenda

- February 27, 2023 -

WELCOME

- Attendance

DEPARTMENT AND RELATED EVENTS (Aubree Marshall)

- Teaching in the after
- The Graduate School will be releasing more extensive guidance on flexibility that will be offered to graduate students during spring semester soon (-Emily Durbin, CSS Dean)
- Trauma group session?
- Department dinner?
 - Rent out the planetarium?

COGS UPDATE (Clara Devota)

- WOCI and the English will be co-hosting a workshop on trauma-informed classroom techniques for graduate students on Tuesday, February 28th at 1pm via zoom
- The Graduate School has offered more support for an additional round of the Professional Development Award for this semester

TREASURY UPDATE (Aubree Marshall)

- No updates

GEU UPDATE (Rhian Dunn)

- Notes from GMM
 - Graduate students don't feel supported
 - No pass/fail for graduate students (just recommended)
 - Graduate students have grief absence (but currently limited in scope; GEU plans to expand it during bargaining)
 - Graduate students feel concerned about the lack of information from the university
 - Might bargain alongside the University Non Tenure Track Faculty (UNTF) regarding safety on campus
 - Lots of pressure on GAs/TAs for flexibility without guidance on how to adapt coursework moving forward
 - Lots of work on behalf of GAs/TAs to move things online
- Bargaining for the next contract will include stricter guidelines on keeping departments accountable for not overworking graduate students
 - May push bargaining
 - Would like graduate students to fill out survey if possible
- Proposed listening session after spring break

- Survey:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeEsRfzKxQ4AKsaqfoSKVCaaLhNm8Z6hhbjX-1zYTF5yUnOQQ/viewform>
- Taxes: <https://www.vita.msu.edu/>

GSA ACTIVITIES UPDATE

- Thank you to those who presented at the GSA symposium!
- Spring RCR training
- Formal Friends at the (F)Planetarium / Anthropromology

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- Any questions, comments, or concerns?

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