

GSA monthly meeting minutes

February 9th, 2022

The meeting was conducted on February 9th, 2022, beginning at 1:30 pm and in room 81.

Committee updates

1. Welcome committee:
 - a. No new graduate students this spring
 - b. Prospective student visits
 - i. Feb 18 for lunch
 - c. NOAA Satellite Conference student engagement suggestions
 - i. committee on AMS, conference Madison joint satellite, polar. Contact Jordon Gerth, people from CIMSS and SSEC like input from students for engagement from undergrad and outside, career panel.
2. Social committee:
 - a. At least one event per month
 - b. Bloom ball registration in April
 - c. Potential pie day
3. Faculty Liaison:
 - a. Qual
 - i. 2017-2022 21/47/23 pass/cp/fail
 - ii. compare to GPA, no new information from the qual
 - iii. 2 day sit down exam we are the only ones doing that
 - iv. peer institution for research-based qual
 - v. overall not serve the purpose,
 - vi. most students prefer research-based, current format least preferred, faculty is receptive to the survey
 - vii. how to meet more with the committee
 - viii. lack of continuity that advisors do with result of qual
 - ix. lack of cohesive interpretation with students with SSEC advisor
 - x. the objective thing to reference when talking with students about whether to continue the PhD
 - xi. overall changing the format
 - xii. pitch that after the next faculty meeting
 - xiii. Liz is the chair
 - xiv. wait for Taydra
 - b. Origin of life hire
 - i. one last Monday, haze formation -> physics and chemistry
 - c. AOS poster session, cash prize, for prospective students to the poster and solstice party
 - d. summer research program REU (March 1st, 5 faculty hosts, and 20 applicants so far)
 - e. AGU - bridge (?) program (fellowship program recruit students)

- f. Bretherton climate scholarship (climate and ? research 4~5K/year for Ph.D. students)
- g. library rename and sent to provost to get approved
- h. 2023, department anniversary, a panel from past students
- i. curriculum
 - i. Mayra coming to teach next fall
 - ii. who is taking over Michael's class
- j. admission 31/75, professional masterless
 - i. update the language for the offer letter.
 - ii. sick and vacation leave policy and add that to the offer letter
- 4. Outreach committee:
 - a. badger pre-college PACE program from July 11-15. Students are coming to SSEC. GSA will possibly be doing 1 lecture.
 - b. Opportunities that Dan sent out
- 5. Seminar committee:
 - a. starting today
 - b. The schedule is full, contact Terry if you are presenting master thesis and PhD thesis
- 6. Colloquium committee:
 - a. sign up to meet with speakers
- 7. Treasurer:
 - a. Calendar - Paypal issue
 - b. new treasurer - Benji

AMP

- 1. callout for graduate mentor and organizer
- 2. Bailey, Alicia, Jerrold, and Zoë for sign-up

New treasurer:

- 1. Literally, just need a name for UW reporting purposes
- 2. Good chance to get involved with minimal work
- 3. Could roll over into next year if interested

Solstice Party skit:

- 1. Description of the solstice skit:
 - a. every year dinner before -> sundog -> 1 hour skits, existing game show -> social 1 hour -> no after party this year
 - i. are you smarter than an undergrad
 - ii. coordinator for skit planning
 - 1. Contact Benji in the next week or this weekend
 - 2. bride people with coffee to participate with the treasury fund
- 2. Need to attend the dinner to be a part of the skit (could probably get a few exceptions)

Library name change - please fill out the survey!

Graduation committee

1. Ankur would like to start thinking about it early
2. Tasks:
 - a. Juliet, Taydra, Sreenath
 - b. settle on date/time/location and format - probably book location soon if not in AOSS
 - c. when the school is having graduation, find the location and send it to Dee
 - d. invitations to graduating students+families
 - e. notification on the commencement website
 - f. sorting out any tech needs (talking to Pete)
 - g. volunteers to set up/clean up the reception (organizing)
3. How can we make this more of a department job and less of a grad student job?
4. Want to be in person this year
5. Need to plan a contingency for COVID