

GSA monthly meeting minutes

March 2nd, 2022

The meeting was conducted on March 2nd, 2022, beginning at 1:30 pm and in room 811.

Faculty Liaison:

1. Increase interaction between faculty and students
 - a. Is it feasible due to limited time?
 - b. Similar ideas like extra long seminar/ colloquium
2. Talk more over the Grad picnic
3. Bretherton scholarship
 - a. Paid in full at the beginning of the semester
 - b. potentially more than 1 student depending on the funding
 - c. renewal of the scholarship for the next few years (up to 4), for the excellence (advisor's judge)
 - d. application form
 - e. understanding climate change direction,.
4. anniversary celebration 75th
 - a. fundraising
 - b. GSA rep (Daniel and Claire)
 - c. reach out to former students (GSA rep)
 - i. experience during and after graduation
 - ii. time commitment
 - d. May to Sept
 - e. focusing on weather, expand to other areas
 - f. strategic planning
 - g. space committee
 - i. emeritus prof vacancy occupation
 - h. The library reopens on March 15
 - i. REU
 - i. 108 applications half women 70% from Wisconsin and Oklahoma
 - ii. 3 years of funding, for 10 students
 - iii. professional master to help with through internship program
 - j. Qual
 - i. new format like CSU, session for comment
 - ii. finalize until April
 - iii. 5 parts
 1. written research questions, 2 responses to 2 research-related questions (committee and advisor), not strictly related to one's own research
 2. research presentation (similar to master's presentation, but has a close-door defense with committee members)

3. written document of student's research (draft of master's thesis, submitted journal draft, 1st chapter, extended abstract, draft showing can communicate in written form)
4. annual progress report, meeting with the committee
5. performance in core courses
- iv. concern: redundant with prelim
 1. committee formation earlier (separate committee assigned by the faculty, haven't decided, workload distributed?), when you are admitted to the program (3 members, 2 from AOS, a person from outside with a PhD?)
 2. direct PhD, or coming in with Master
 3. rubric for each part (yes), advance committee, whichever part that you fail gets reported to the advance committee and is allowed to redo that part for a maximum 2 times.
 4. feedback to students
 5. open house for both faculty and GSA on the qual discussion

Alumni committee:

1. could involve in the AOS anniversary

DEI

1. The website is out <https://www.aos.wisc.edu/dei/>
2. REU with NSF proposal, across departments with geology
3. Mayra enter the DEI, collab between JPL
4. summer intern also for professional master
5. library rename (still in process)
6. code of conduct (angel sent an email, looking for participation)
 - a. posted on the website?
7. admission statement on the website

Social committee:

1. Vijit and Ajay came to the ice skating
2. pie day after spring break?
 - a. trophy
 - b. certificate
 - c. ugliest pie

Welcome committee:

1. perspective students visiting was great

Treasurer:

1. Income from the calendar is \$800

Outreach committee:

1. badger pre-college workshop (mid-July)
 - a. lessons
 - b. poster and how I got here

Graduation committee:

1. response to sreenath's email about whether to graduate
2. in the next week, formal RSVP, link to the google doc
3. requested the room in the Geology building, May 13th
4. decoration and cake funding

voting on position for next academic year

Rudra: PhD defense room in geology.