

GSA monthly chair meeting minutes

September 29, 2021

The meeting was conducted on September 29, 2021, beginning at 3:30 pm. Vijit, Cam, Brie, Steph, Claire, Alicia, Zoë, Maggie, Terry, Kari, and Nuo attended the meeting

Treasurer (Brianne):

1. how to get fund
2. events planning
3. feedback on fund or swag:
 - a. we can give to **prospective students**, comes to **seminar/colloquium speaker**, (be benefitable) also for students
 - b. carry-on bags
 - c. gifts for graduating students? (gratitude letter)
4. historically, at AMS, hail measuring, lightning stress ball, (covered by the department)
 - a. not enough traffic in AMS booth depending on the location
 - b. reception at AMS alumni
 - c. gift for prospective student
5. Design
 - a. general design
 - b. for free advertisement
6. Merch
 - a. funding for the calendar for next year, get it done before the conference (into work before 1st October)
 - b. student discount (consider, depend on the profit margin) 80% goes into profit (\$900)
 - c. the department from the GSA
7. Social event: give back to graduate student
 - a. Major income to DEI event
 - b. donation is acceptable
8. solstice party mainly depends on the undergraduate AMS chapter

Welcome (Stephanie):

1. organize AMS booth
2. Steph has to apply for the travel grant, and she needs a letter of support from the advisor. However, the travel grant is given in name of SSEC students, not in the name of the department representative.
3. Megan and Zoë can cover for Steph's role this year
4. **Auto AMS travel grant (~ \$1500 travel grant) for welcoming chair (? bring to the faculty)**
5. Oct 1st is the deadline for the AMS travel grant, one can apply with a research presentation

Alicia (Facilitator)

1. SECC library name change
2. Zoë: DEI committee (department) is finishing the letter, Brad is included in the email, preferred the student award/library name changed or give the reason why we shouldn't change the name
3. Group corn maze
 - a. \$2 for down-payment
 - b. transportation has to be covered by the university (can't cover under gsa, because of the insurance)

Secretary (Chen Nuo)

1. Plan to work with Pete to migrate the GSA website more toward the theme color of the AOS main website during the semester.

Seminar (Terry)

1. Seminar signup needed, contact Terry for sign-up (tpagano-at-wisc.edu).
2. The seminar will be held generally in two formats: a. 35-45 minutes talk plus 15 minutes Q&A, or b. Flash talks with 20 minutes talk plus 5 minutes Q&A.
3. You can present anything on seminars including but not limited to: your undergraduate project, master's thesis, professional development training (e.g. proposal writing and DEI).
4. The seminar will be held Wednesdays at noon, open to the option of holding it on zoom.

Outreach (Vijit)

1. Talk with 4th graders at Melrose Mindoro elementary school about things like how to read a weather map, how the weather is going to be like this time, etc. This will be a virtual event in the week of Oct 11-15th.
2. The science olympiad coaching with Hamilton middle school. Generally, meet once a week on campus for that, sign up for tutoring. Contact Vijit (maithel-at-wisc.edu)

Treasurer (Brianne)

1. Brianne is going to send out a poll on people's thoughts on our 2021 calendar selling, which helped to raise a lot of funds for GSA and for other social events.
2. Open to suggestions for 2022 calendar design, and suggestions for other GSA/AOS merch and diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI) based events.
3. Explored the possibility of holding an end-of-year gift exchange event.

Curriculum (Taydra)

1. 3-year plan poll
2. Teach what they want to teach
3. Annual report
4. Discuss with advisor
5. Short on radiation lecturers