

GC Meeting (02/22/2016)

1. Approval of GC Minutes (02/01/2016): approved

2. E-Board Report

3. Election of the new Treasurer (Special Election)

Candidate: Shoumyo Majumdar

Result: 23 of 23 votes for the election of this candidate

4. Funding Requests

- History of Art Grad Symposium: discussion (event has been funded before, advertisement for event)

*Motion to fully fund; result of vote: fully funded

- TJ Ha Guest Lecture: discussion (not necessarily event for graduate students, already advertised, open to everybody; organization has been funded before this year but this is the last time they're asking for funding this academic year)

*Motion to fully fund; result of vote: fully funded

- The Radical Rojava Revolution in Syria: discussion (last semester funded but different group name [Initiative for Syria])

*Motion to fully fund; result of vote: fully funded

5. Quick Budget Update

- explanation of allocated and unallocated funds (\$ 40.000 left in budget)

- GC wants to have a breakdown of remaining money (e.g. coffee hour)

- GPSA Week not allocated, yet (event has to be planned)

6. E-Board Updates

- Chair and Co-Chair: meeting with Tiffany Sanchez and Jeannine Heynes; focus on women's history month: present more at next meeting; discussion of advocacy survey at meetings; discussion of different student life concerns that came up (maternal leave)/// meetings with Vice-Deans of KSAS and WSE (once a month): discussion of advocacy survey (academic concerns: structure of classes, mentorship, careers), feedback on movie night for MA students

- Professional Development Chair: no recent updates on Versatile event; goal: distributing information about event; information about RSVPs (85% from KSAS or WSW, 125 replies so far); few applications from humanities so far (more advertisement!); inform more faculty about this event (email via Christine and Rene?); make decision about structure of the day: individual consults (15 minutes per grad student) versus thematic discussions/group consults

*Motion to have group consults with Paula; vote: passes

this week: send topics for group consults to chairs; topic not part of the workshop: international students vs. status of citizens (Paula's decision)

- Communications Chair: in the process of moving existing website to

new platform; dealing with out-of-date content; including more social media (contact with IT Department); question from GC about transitioning knowledge for modifying website to next person: explanation of transition documents and the transition month after elections

- Funding and Admin Chair: spent a little more than 50% of funding; no more reimbursements for 2015; travel grants: funding gap between May and July ("dead months"), need discussion to address this topic: votes on this topic at the next meeting; \$9.000 set aside for travel grants and could be cut into three parts; selection process: document on website is not correct, now: lottery system with formula; not possible to give award to every applicant (much higher number of applicants than available money)

7. Introduction of Potential Intercampus Events Hosted by GR0:

- decision needs to be made how to prioritize; total budget for academic year was \$ 20.000 (this year we had some carry-over from last year's BBQ from 06/28: \$ 390)
- in the past: BBQs, tickets for Orioles games; this year: speed dating and intercampus party at Fells Point, Powerplant last September (over 400 grads, over 150 from Homewood), Iceskating event (ca. 70 people RSVPed);
- \$ 17.000 left to organize events, salary for social liaison chair comes out of this budget
- Possible events for the next weeks:
- Peabody Cocktail Hour in conjunction with concert (04/22); \$4.000 to rent library, \$7.000 for catering; charging for tickets (question about bringing "plus one"); 350 people could come; maybe 200 tickets for Homewood; event covers appr. 300 people
- Orioles Game: Friday night, if choosing not best seats: ca. \$4.500; event can cover 450 people
- Horseshoe Casino Event: event can cover 450 people
- 5k Race in April: \$10 per person; maybe sponsor students to participate in event; sponsor brunch; get t-shirts etc.; event can cover 150 students
- Scavenger Hunt in Baltimore: \$25 per person; idea to get 300 people participating from all campuses; event can cover 300 people
- Happy Hours around ares, beer tasting
- BBQ (end of the year): can cover 300 students
- discussion on how to make a decision on events: suggestion by chair to pick three events

*Motion to rank events (no second)

suggestion from GC department rep: get opinions from people in the departments; chair will send document (budget break-down) about events this week and then department reps will get feedback from grads in their departments; have dual process: GR0 should send out google form about events that grads would like; continue discussion about GSI events next week and make decisions on events

8. Upcoming Events and Announcements

- Versatile PhD
- Launch Party for GRO Guide and GRO Website: will take place in Glass Pavillion; presentation, snacks, trying out website (beta-testing until orientation); vote next week on financing this event
- Announcement for Intercampus Events: Ice Skating, Speed Dating, Spring Tonic Talent Show

9. Other Business

- add as topic to the agenda next week: cost of GRO Guide (question from GC rep: why not worked with Wordpress templates?)