

November General Body Meeting

Monday November 7th, 2016 at 6pm

Newcomb Gallery

Welcome and Introductions

- Vote to approve constitution changes from previous meeting

Passed

- Announcement from VP Comm: 13 departments who still needs reps (14 positions)
- Plan to appoint new GSASC president next meeting

Committee updates

A. Initiatives (Brynn Cook)

- Working with student health; meeting in December to talk about how to better communicate with students
- Working on “Grad Guide” – everything you’d want to know about Charlottesville as an incoming grad student

- a. looking for people to help with this (especially international students)
- Dissatisfaction with health insurance place – currently looking at how other universities structure their student plans i.e. coverage for family members, flexibility to choose plan, etc.
- Reminder: GSASC members welcome to help out with other committees no matter what committee you're assigned

B. Professional Development (Irene Cheng)

- Tentative schedule set for Grad Days (March 19th – 25th)
 - a. Want feedback for tentative schedule from GSASC members – especially for “community building events”
 - b. Open discussion about diversity lunch panels
 - i. Women's panel well-attended in the past
 - c. Mindfulness center in Nursing School
 - d. Green Dot Training specifically for grad students

To Professional Development and Research Committees: submit budgets in detail via email no later than **January 10th**

Final budget due **January 28th**

C. Social (Akin Odeleye)

- Halloween party recap: successful
 - a. good attendance (roughly 200)

- No events in December

Potential Winter event: Ice skating downtown

- Winter formal: need funding requests by November 25th
- In the future: Social to plan out academic year's social events in September with preliminary budget

Reminder: not allowed to fundraise/collect money at any events

Possibility: forgo December event to have more events in Spring

Spring events: TBD

D. Finance (Kristin Connor)

- Funding Requests
 - a. UVA symposium for advocates for women in science

Asked for \$500, offered \$400

Passed

b. Enviro-day

Asked for \$500, offered \$400

Passed

c. French Film Festival

Passed

Next Meeting: Monday, December 5th, 6pm Newcomb Gallery