Dec. 3, 2014 GSA General Meeting Tentative Notes


**Vote On President Elect**: Nominations are Christopher Adam Ray, current GSA VP Motion to nominate Adam, 2nd, and approved. Voting- All approve- CONGRATULATIONS!

**Budget Review**: $3k For Travel Grants in Spring 2015 Total budget left is $6612.15 (minus travel and research symposium =$1840.95) ($1565.00 to symposium, and 3206.20 to travel grants) Budget report sent to executive committee today. Tonya is reviewing pricing on Aramark food for the symposium to see if we can save some money instead of the $1565.00. Could maybe do custom water bottles instead of bottled water.

**Community Service**: Project Firewood (Firewood for families in Jackson County) in Sylva on December 6, Cards for Soldiers through THIS Friday (UC, Bardo, and Student Affairs) Dec. 5, Sylva Clean-Up next Spring! January 30th is the first date for Spring 2015. Please email the calendars of volunteer opportunities to all grads, and post a link from the GSA site to the service learning calendar! We also discussed Relay for Life as an option (we could give donations). We could use any extra funds to give donations to needy organizations/events in the spring. This is also a great opportunity for advertising and exposure for GSA through volunteering! National day of service is a huge event next semester as well for campus-wide service and connections. Phi Alpha is working on a project to gather MP3 players, headphones, iPods, etc. so the elderly can have access to music. Maybe the GSA can help with a drop box and spreading the word about the film "Alive Inside". The GSA could even buy some inexpensive MP3 players to donate to them.

**Travel Grants**: Apply EARLY for spring funding- It goes fast!

Updates for Spring Semester: We will have a theme at each meeting in the spring. A meeting in April will include the Provost and be led by Adam and Sabrina. In January we are also inviting Mimi Fenton and Elizabeth Frazier from the Graduate School to a meeting to answer questions, and help us understand issues we may have. If you have questions, please submit them to Elizabeth while she prepares for the meeting. Elizabeth is going to organize this meeting, and we may even add a meeting if Mimi's schedule doesn't fit ours. We are asking her to come in January if she is available. We are also inviting Chancellor Belcher in March, but we will work with his availability if he can't come in March. Thom is working on the Chancellor meeting.

We would like to create an Assistantship Group/Committee to focus on issues grads have with assistantships.

**Elections for 2015-16**: Elections for next year- nominations will be taken at the first meeting in January. Watch your email for positions available. Voting will take place in February. This will allow a few months of shadowing for the new people. Adam will be President. We will know
more soon. Secretary position will be available. We could create new positions as well! Many hands make light work, so keep these positions in mind!

**Revision of GSA Documents:** Please read the documents on our website and send revisions to Leigh Ann at leighannparrish@gmail.com These documents lay out our goals, our rules, our guidelines and position descriptions. WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are revising our Constitution, By-Laws, and Strategic Plan. Elizabeth is assigning more structured duties.

**Approve Minutes:** from our last meeting: Valley Lillies sponsored by Athletic Training Program, not Nutrition. Motioned to Approve, 2nd, Approved.

**The SGA:** is revising their bylaws so the GSA will be able to jointly appoint a person to serve on the SGA. More information will be forthcoming. SGA voted on some issues: Approved international fee, book rental fee, brown hall, ... a lot of stuff was said very quickly. Can you email me this info?? WE NEED MORE INVOLVEMENT! Mimi will help us understand some of this more.

**Bookstore Committee Update:** Voting soon, lots of research and suggestions coming together quickly.

**REMINDE**RS: You can view ALL of our past meeting minutes from fall 2014 here: [http://www.wcu.edu/academics/wcu-graduate-school/GSA/upcoming-gsa-events.asp](http://www.wcu.edu/academics/wcu-graduate-school/GSA/upcoming-gsa-events.asp) 

*Our meetings for Spring 2015 will take place in HUNTER LIBRARY Rm 156!*

**GSA Board Meetings**
(includes GSA Officers, ALL Program Representatives, and all interested graduate students)

**Wednesday, 28 January 2015**, 11:00 AM to noon, 156 Hunter Library, Coulter Faculty Commons Go To Meeting: [https://www4.gotomeeting.com/join/672850951](https://www4.gotomeeting.com/join/672850951)

**Wednesday, 18 February 2015**, 4:00 to 5:00 PM, 156 Hunter Library, Coulter Faculty Commons Go To Meeting: [https://www4.gotomeeting.com/join/715560911](https://www4.gotomeeting.com/join/715560911)

**Wednesday, 18 March 2015**, 11:00 AM to noon, 156 Hunter Library, Coulter Faculty Commons Go To Meeting: [https://www4.gotomeeting.com/join/159703799](https://www4.gotomeeting.com/join/159703799)

**Wednesday, 08 April 2015**, 4:00 to 5:00 PM, 156 Hunter Library, Coulter Faculty Commons Go To Meeting: [https://www4.gotomeeting.com/join/396810959](https://www4.gotomeeting.com/join/396810959)

**GSA Executive Committee Meetings**
(includes GSA Officers and all interested graduate students)

**Wednesday, 14 January 2015**, 11:00AM - 1:00PM, 110P Cordelia Camp

**Wednesday, 21 January 2015**, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 110P Cordelia Camp

**Wednesday, 11 February 2015**, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 110P Cordelia Camp

**Wednesday, 04 March 2015**, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 110P Cordelia Camp

**Wednesday, 01 April 2015**, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 110P Cordelia Camp