GSA Council Meeting  
Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 6:00 pm  
Captain Lounge, RMC

Minutes

Reps in attendance: Andrea Miranda (Chemistry), Ben Bass (Proxy from Civil & Environmental Engineering), Simba Dzinamarira (Proxy from Computer Science), Shannon Carter (Ecology & Evolutionary Biology), George Chen (Electrical & Computer Engineering), David Ponton (History), Jacob M. Wahlen-Strothman (Physics and Astronomy), Billy Rothwell (Sociology), Jonathan Stewart (Statistics)

Guests in attendance: Connie Foo (RUNPSMA), Peter Zuk (Ethics Bowl, Philosophy), Vlad Soare (RLS)

Officers: Alessandra, Lynn, JD, Kameshwar, Andie, Sarah

1. **New Business**
   1.1. **December GSA Grants**
      1.1.2. The Council voted to award the Philosophy Department $250 for the Houston High School Ethics Bowl.
      1.1.3. No representative from the Rice Graduate Christian Fellowship was present at the meeting, so the Council could not vote to approve the grant for the “Suffer the Little Children” forum.
      1.1.5. The Council voted to award the Ethnographic Film Society $1000 for the LGBTQ Film Series.

2. **Past Events**
   2.1. The GSA December Coffee Break was held on December 2nd from 3-5 pm. The event was successful and very well attended.

3. **Future Events**
   3.1. The Ninety Second Thesis Competition will be held on March 13th, 2015. All graduate students are encouraged to participate (no thesis is required). The registration deadline for the event is January 19, 2015.
   3.2. Entries for the Beer Bike 2015 T-shirt Design Competition are due by January 31, 2015. Departmental reps should encourage grad students to submit their t-shirt design ideas/art.