GSA Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 2013, 6:00 pm
Captain Lounge, RMC

Minutes

Representatives in attendance. Hannah Fullgraf (Art History); Alex Tatara (Bioengineering); Lauren Popp (Chemical & Bimolecular Engineering); Andrea Schlather (Chemistry); Yu Jun Leong (Civil & Environmental Engineering); Chris Nguyen (Computational & Applied Mathematics); Kamal Sharma (Computer Science); Michael Farner (Earth Sciences); Suraya Khan (History); Vlad Soare (Linguistics); John King (Master of Liberal Studies); Miriam Kuzbary (Mathematics); Jacob Wahlen-Strothman (Physics and Astronomy); Ornsiree Junchaya (Professional Masters in Science).

Guests in attendance. Whitney Stewart (History); Andy Meretoja (OISS); Sabarintinam Kameshwar (EERI-RU Student Chapter); Anastasia Yu and Sam B. (Plat Journal); Stacy Prukop (ChGSA); Drew Winter (Rice Animal Rights); David Ramírez (RGSH).

1. New Business

1.1. Michelle Downey spoke on behalf of Mary Bourne-Marth of the Fort Bend ISD Math & Science Academy, who would like STEM departments to host summer internships for her students. Interested departments should e-mail Michelle Downey.

1.2. Grant requests.

1.2.1. The Council voted to award $250 to the Office of International Students and Scholars for its International Education Week (IEW) Mini Soccer World Cup.

1.2.2. The Council voted to award $250 to the Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Graduate Student Association for its Networking Dinner.

1.2.3. The Council voted to award $1,000 to the conference “Race and the Nation in the Age of Emancipation: A Symposium on the Atlantic World.”

1.2.4. The Council voted to award $100 to the Rice chapter of the Association for Women in Mathematics for its AWM End of Semester Cookie Decorating Party.

1.2.5. The Council voted to award $150 to the National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) for its new member recruitment event.

1.2.6. The Council voted to award $200 to the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI-RU) for its EERI Seminar Series.

1.2.7. The Council voted to award $250 to the Rice University Professional Science Master’s Association for its event The Journeys of Professional Science Masters.
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1.2.9. The Council voted to award $550 to PLAT Journal for its PLAT Launch Event at BioScience Research Collaborative.

1.3. **Committee business.** The Council voted to elect Lu Wang and Wanghao Ma to the Student Activities/President’s Program Fund (SAPP) Committee.

1.4. **Club business.**

   1.4.1. The Council did not vote on the creation of the Rice Boxing Club, because no representative was present.

   1.4.2. The Council voted to approve the creation of the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Graduate Student Association.

   1.4.3. The Council voted to approve the creation of Rice Animal Rights.

   1.4.4. The Council did not vote on the creation of the Rice Taiwanese Student Association, because no representative was present.

   1.4.5. The Council voted to approve the creation of the Rice Cube Club.

1.5. The RSAC Committee is seeking graduate representatives.

2. **Past Events**

   2.1. The GSA-RCSSC Fall Picnic was postponed due to rain.

   2.2. The Wellbeing Coffee Break took place on September 25.

   2.3. The GSA/SA Research Mixer took place on October 7. More than 25 graduate presenters participated, and more than 200 people attended the event.

   2.4. Oktoberfest, a collaboration with the graduate alumni association, took place on October 11.

3. **Upcoming Events**

   3.1. GSA Día de los Muertos Coffee Break with LAGSA will take place October 30.

   3.2. The Rice Women’s Resource Center (RWRC) is hosting a panel called “Women in Graduate School” on November 4.

   3.3. The GSA Halloween Party will take place on Saturday, November 2.