

January 14, 2008

## GSA Meeting

Attendees: Kari Siko, Karyl Askew, Sonya Harris, Lara Costa, Buck Cooper (Henry), Kim Markworth, Lara Backus, Reid

1. President's Update:
  - Kari will attend the Alumni Council meeting on January 25th to report on what we are doing
  - Brown bags last semester were well attended and topics were good
  - We want better participation this year. We're going to start trying to "bring a buddy" to GSA events and meetings
  - Coffee Hours will start back today from 3:30 to 4:30 in the lounge. They will be every Monday (except holidays)
2. Vice-President's Update:
  - Symposium is tentatively scheduled for May 7th.
  - Committee: Karyl Askew (EPME), Lara Costa (EPME), Crystal Hill (CCC), Yongmei Li (ECFL), Julie Keane (CCC), Erica Shoulders (Ed Lshp), Eirk Bensten (EPME), Tangie Gray Fleming (EPME) and Alisa McLean (Ed Ldsp)
  - They plan to discuss issues/topics/concerns about our education and research interests
  - It will be geared mainly to people in the building, but some guest will be allowed to register
    - Goal is 40 students, 15-25 faculty, 10-15 guests
  - Do not have a budget yet, but will need money for lunches.
3. Treasurer's Report:
  - Some money is in the account
  - Kari, Kim and the Business Office will meet to make sure all our funds have been deposited.
  - Items for GDIM this semester need to be purchased.
4. Secretary's Update:
  - Minutes from the November meeting are posted.
  - Kari & Sonya will work together to get minutes from last September and October posted.
  - Minutes will be completed within a week of the meeting in the future
5. Brown Bag Update:
  - Feb. 18 – Freedom School with Kristal Moore
  - March/April (no exact date yet) – International topic
  - Brown Bag as part of symposium
    - Writing Center
    - Health & Wellness topics (e.g. stress management)
6. Social Committee:
  - Reorientation – January 25, 2008 from 3 pm until 6 pm  
Program

Introduction, Purpose, Break-out Groups by Program, Report out from groups,  
General Q&A, Social Hour at Top of the Hill (appetizers on GSA)

- Sonya will go to Jeff Greene's class today to invite the 1st years.
- We should all be working to recruit upper level students to come.

7. GPSF Update:

- Travel awards are open (be sure to complete fully and make rationale clear)
- Toys for Tots collected over 600 gifts campus wide (Lara will get extra gifts we have in the box now to GPSF)
- GPSF Elections are the 2nd week of February
- Social Event: Jan 25th 80s night at Talula's - 11 pm - 3 am.
- There is a GPSF newsletter on the website under the President's name (Lauren Anderson)
- Pregnant & Parenting workshop on Jan. 19 @ Odum Village

8. New Business:

- We need a 1st year representative. Hopefully we can get interest at the Re-orientation.