GSU Meeting 2/12/14

Bingham Humanities 300

President called to order 8:30

**Departments present:** CML (John Casey), Communication (Kate Vance), Fine Arts (Tracey Eckersley), History (Tommy Skaggs), Humanities (Bobby Rich), Mathematics (Heather Hunt), Pan-African Studies (Megan Pavageau), Physics & Astronomy (Jamie Bougher), Political Science (Emily Maiden), Psychology (Perry Factor), WGST (Lauren Copeland)

**Departments absent:** Anthropology, Biology, Chemistry, English, Geography & Geosciences, Justice Administration, Philosophy, Sociology, Theatre Arts, Urban & Public Affairs

**Old business**

**Approval of minutes**

-Motion to approve minutes moved, seconded, passed

**Basketball event**

-It was fun, it was good, only a few of us were there, lot of WGST people

-Some confusion about details and need to figure out how people can pick up tickets if they don’t come to brunch

-Perry: this is fun, easy, free, and through UofL so let’s keep doing it even if turnout isn’t great

-We need to figure out how to get access to our department listservs so we can communicate more about future events like this

**January research funding**

-22 funded for $1917.50, 31 applied and were turned down, 53 applied total

-Departments not funded because not eligible: Bio, Chem, Hum, Justice Admin, Urban/Pub Affairs

-Others not funded because application was received late or application not good or applicants had already received funding and were ranked lower on the priority list

-We did explain to those who weren’t funded because of ineligibility that they were not eligible because their dept. had not been represented at meetings

-Where to get more funding? College of Arts & Sciences searching for new dean, grad students invited to participate in search and should ask candidates about how dean will help us get funded and otherwise support us because total enrollment in A&S is 1/9 graduate students

-We should also ask SIGS for $

-Or A&S Student Council—even though it’s all undergrads the graduate students are students in the college. They have a regular meeting. We need to show up and raise hell!

**New business**

**Attendance policy questions**

-On GSU website: copy of constitution and bylaws

-Language regarding attendance currently on www site is not what we remember as most recent version. We’re trying to find copy of the most recent rules which we know was approved in April 2011.

-At present we believe it’s no more than one absence per semester, but we’re trying to find the language that confirms this, and we want to put this in the minutes so that everyone knows that they need to attend if their departments want to receive funding.

-How are bylaws changed? By vote of group. Different from constitutional pieces.

-Can we vote to change bylaws? Need more than simple up-and-down vote, need written notice. But we can write it down and get it on next meeting’s agenda

-We are going to start putting in the minutes who is/isn’t in attendance

**Bourbon tasting event**

- Megan will call Scotty the Pirate and get dates for April and we will figure something out

-Trying to figure out which Fridays in April we want to do given finals and Thunder and Derby

-Sell tickets for $25 in advance. How many people do we need? We’re going to sell tickets in advance as a private event. We will find out how many people we need

-Talk to Scotty also about having a rep coming from a distillery to give us bourbon swag

-Mike Veach from Filson Historical Society is a bourbon historian and might be able to help us out as well

**March 5 meeting**

-officer nomination (will need new president, maybe other officers as well)

-Bring your replacement if you’re leaving and company if you’re staying on

**Other business**

-GSC abstract deadline for research symposium coming up soon, if interested check it out, go to GSC website or email Heather

-Research funding for GSC, $5000 grant if looking for research funding, will be highly competitive

-New reps: please join the A&S GSU Facebook and OrgSync pages

Motion to adjourn moved, seconded, approved at 9:07