

January General Body Meeting

January 31st, 2017

McCool 232 5:00pm -6:00pm

Total count: 86 in attendance

- Meeting Starts at 5:10pm
 - Mercedes welcomes students and basic intro to the GSA.
- Update from the Graduate School
 - No update – look at GSA list of events coming up.
- Announcements –Mercedes and Erika presents the announcements.
 - GSA Election information. Email name, bio, photo, and position you are running for. Be prepared to speak at the Feb 28th meeting. Voting will be held online. Please email your information to grad-grad.msstate.edu before the next meeting.
 - BGSA Crawfish Boil
 - Dr. Robert Ballard – Free Event on Feb 7th at 7pm. See the SA office, 3rd floor of the Union to pick up tickets.
- Social Events – Mercedes presents the social events updates.
 - Darwin Week Dodge Ball tournament – Graduate Team Feb 18th. Make a GSA team and earn a social point. The GSA will sponsor at least one dodgeball team if interested, and pay for their team to participate.
 - Coffee Culture Conversation Talk in the Union 330 from 5-7pm with International Student Advisory Board. Attend and sign-in to earn a social point for GSA.
- Philanthropy Service Project/Volunteer Opportunities – Gabe presented the service projects for the semester.
 - Mississippi Science and Engineering Fair – call for volunteers! Feb 20-21, April 5-6, April 10-11. Contact Gabe at gap85@msstate.edu for more information.
 - West Point Animal Shelter – Sat. March 4th 9:00am- 12:00pm
 - Need a ride? 228-623-2804 Call Gabe
 - Interested in Habitat for Humanity? Let Gabe know. Email him.
 - Robert Stringer student announcement: Holding vigil for at 6pm in the junction in the wake of everything going on in the world. Check Facebook for more info on the vigil.
- Guest Speaker
 - Dr. Adam Skarke – Professor in Dept of GeoSciences. Concentration in Marine Geology. NOAA office. Deepsea research. Methane leaks along the eastern coast.
- Student Association Update
 - February 7th Student Association Election Day. Vote on Orgsync from 7am-5pm. (Run-off Feb 9th)
 - Graduate Student running for the Senate election
 - Abdullah Sherif (Arts and Science), Ellie Moen (Agriculture), Erika Niemann (Campus)
- BGSA Update – Darwin Week

- If you need additional information and want to get involved, email Jordan McMahon jddm1346@msstate.edu
- Final Announcements –Mercedes gave the updates and more info will be sent via email.
 - 15th Annual Graduate Symposium March 25th –Instructions have been emailed out to register.
 - The Graduate Awards Banquet March 30th 5:30pm (invite only)
 - Graduate Appreciation Week April 3rd-April 7th
 - Connect with GSA
 - Join us on OrgSync – Graduate Student Association
 - Like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Graduate-Student-Association-Mississippi-State-University/129869067222996>
 - Follow us on Twitter @MSUGSA
 - Follow us on Instagram – MSUGSA
 - Next meeting – Tuesday February 28th, 2017 McCool 232 at 5pm
- Giveaways!
 - Four giveaways randomly given to graduate students for attending the meeting.

List of Events

- Feb 1st Vigil
- Feb 7th Student Association Election Day! Vote 7am-5pm on Orgsync for your Graduate representatives!
- Feb 13th-18th Darwin Week
- Feb 20th- 21st Science Fair (Philanthropy)
- Feb 28th GSA Monthly Meeting (Meeting)
- March 4th, Saturday, West Point Animal Shelter - 9:00am- 12:00pm (Philanthropy)
- March 10th Due Date for Symposium papers
- March 23rd Coffee Culture Conversation Talk in the Union 330 from 5-7pm (Social)
- March 25th Graduate Symposium 9:30am –Noon (Allen-Posters); 9:30am– 2:00pm (McCool-Oral)
- March 30th The Graduate Awards Banquet (invite only) 5:30pm The Mize Palvilion
- April 3rd-7th Graduate Appreciation Week
- April 5th-6th Science Fair (Philanthropy)
- April 10th-11th Science Fair (Philanthropy)
- April 22nd Earth Day event with BGSA