

February 28th, 2017

GSA General Body Minutes

Location: McCool 232 at 5pm.

Total number present:

- Sign In
- Update from the Graduate School
- Announcements and Events for Graduate Student
 - Symposium Abstracts are due online by March 10th at 11:59pm
 - The Graduate Student Research Symposium March 25th in Allen Hall from 9:30am-3:00pm
 - BGSA Crawfish Boil March 24th at Hobie's on Main at 6pm
 - Earth Day Prairie Restoration w/BGSA at Osborne Prairie April 22nd.
- Guest Speaker
 - Mr. Bradley Brazzeal with a presentation on graduate resources the library provides.
 - Live chat features (Green means there is a person ready to chat with you)
 - Find a subject specialist – librarian to help you with your specific topic
 - Search, Find, Write will help you format your thesis or dissertation. Also lists workshops you can attend. And a list of deadlines.
 - EndNote, Mendeley, Zotero software workshops. (EndNote will not be offered at the library but at Barnes & Nobles – also the price has increased)
 - Mendeley and Zotero are free. Mendeley- program for citation. Web and desktop versions.
 - Through MSU- Mendeley you get more storage space. Perks to getting it through MSU.
 - What if you already have EndNote? Will you be able to keep EndNote? (Questions posed) Answer: your EndNote Library should be ok, but it is easy to change over. The library will be providing more information on this soon.
 - Any additional questions can be sent to Mr. Bradley Brazzeal.
- Social Events
 - Coffee Culture Conversation Talk in the Union 330 from 5-7pm with International Student Advisory Board.
 - GSA Send Off Thursday April 13th, starting at 5pm. Located on Hobie's on Main
- Philanthropy Service Project/Volunteer Opportunities
 - Mississippi Science and Engineering Fair – call for volunteers! 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
 - Canoe Day at the Refuge Saturday March 18th 7:30am-12:00pm
- Nominations for GSA Election
 - Call for additional nominees.
 - Presentation of Candidates.

- Voting will take place on the Graduate School Website!
Select the tab “GSA Vote” to review the candidates and cast your vote.
<http://www.grad.msstate.edu/professional-development/students/graduate-student-association/>
Voting will be open from 12:01am on March 7th – 11:50pm on March 14th.
- Student Association Update
 - Congratulations to Abdullah Sherif for being appointed as a Senator in the SA. He will be joining three fellow grads serving on SA until September.
- Final Announcements
 - 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 March 28th, 2017 McCool 232 at 5pm
- Focus Group from the library lead by Dr. Lee. 11am-2pm for March 7th. Lunch provided. Library and their services.
- Public Health Research Competition – abstract contest. Deadlines are March 30th. If you need more information email
- Giveaways!

Events

- March 4th, Saturday, West Point Animal Shelter - 9:00am- 12:00pm (Philanthropy)
- March 7th-14th Online Voting for GSA Elections! Go Vote!!
- March 10th Due Date for Symposium papers
- March 18th Canoe Day at the Refuge (Philanthropy)
- March 23rd Coffee Culture Conversation Talk in the Union 330 from 5-7pm (Social)
- March 24th Crawfish Boil w/BGSA
- March 25th Graduate Symposium 9:30am –Noon (Allen-Posters); 9:30am– 2:00pm (McCool-Oral)
- March 28th GSA Monthly Meeting (Meeting)
- March 30th The Graduate Awards Banquet (invite only) 5:30pm The Mize Pavilion
- April 3rd-7th Graduate Appreciation Week
- April 5th-6th Science Fair (Philanthropy)
- April 10th-11th Science Fair (Philanthropy)
- April 13th GSA Send-Off (Social)
- April 22nd Earth Day event with BGSA

- April 25th GSA Monthly Meeting (Meeting)

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