

**Graduate Student Association
General Membership Meeting**

September 28th, 2015

Number of students in attendance: 65

1. A representative from the Christian Bible Study for graduate students spoke to members present about attending sessions that are held on Fridays at noon in the Union in Room 327.
2. President Christina Hillesheim discussed the following announcements:
 - a. “Like” GSA on Facebook and “Follow” on Twitter—Great mechanism to have reminders of upcoming events.
 - b. Three Minute These (3MT) competition will be November 11-13 from 1 to 4 pm. Preparation workshops are available on November 2 from 1 to 3 pm in the library auditorium and November 4 from 8-9 am in McComas Hall rooms 214 and 228.
 - c. Upcoming meeting dates are: October 26th and November 30th
3. President Christina Hillesheim discussed avenues for travel funding available to graduate students. The three methods relative to graduate students include departmental funding, Travel Assistance Grants for Graduate Students (TAGGS) through the Office of the Graduate School, and the GSA Travel Award. The deadline for applications for TAGGS within the next period are due September 30. To be awarded a GSA Travel Award, the student must attend at least three social/service events or meetings to be classified as an active member. GSA Travel Awards do *not* cover food.
4. President Christina Hillesheim discussed the service events GSA has sponsored. Canoe Day was a huge success with 30 graduate student volunteers and 150 participants. The next service event will be with Habitat for Humanity on either Friday, October 23rd, Friday October 30th, or Saturday, October 31st. Shifts vary. There will be no service project in November. The next service event will be on December 5th, 2015.
5. President Christina Hillesheim discussed the social events GSA has scheduled. The Away Game social was a success! The next social event will be Trivia Night on October 9th or 10th.
6. Guest speaker Captain Kenneth Rogers went over Active Shooter Training with all members present. Key points discussed were active shooter situations last, on average, 10-15 minutes and it takes police approximately three minutes to respond to the scene. During an active shooter situation, the three key steps to remember are Avoid, Deny, and Defend!
7. President Christina Hillesheim directed students who had questions about printing costs to the table on the back of the agenda.
8. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.