

## January General Body Meeting

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Voting will be held online. Please email your information to [grad-grad.msstate.edu](mailto:grad-grad.msstate.edu) before the next meeting.
  - BGSA Crawfish Boil
  - Dr. Robert Ballard – Free Event on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. See the SA office, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Union to pick up tickets.
- Social Events – Mercedes presents the social events updates.
  - Darwin Week Dodge Ball tournament – Graduate Team Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:gap85@msstate.edu) for more information.
  - West Point Animal Shelter – Sat. March 4<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> Student Association Election Day. Vote on Orgsync from 7am-5pm. (Run-off Feb 9<sup>th</sup>)
  - 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](mailto:jddm1346@msstate.edu)
- Final Announcements –Mercedes gave the updates and more info will be sent via email.
  - 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Symposium March 25<sup>th</sup> –Instructions have been emailed out to register.
  - The Graduate Awards Banquet March 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm (invite only)
  - Graduate Appreciation Week April 3<sup>rd</sup>-April 7<sup>th</sup>
  - 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 McCool 232 at 5pm
- Giveaways!
  - Four giveaways randomly given to graduate students for attending the meeting.

#### List of Events

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