

**Graduate Student Association
General Membership Meeting**

August 31st, 2015

Number of students in attendance: 105

1. President Christina Hillesheim and members of the GSA Executive Committee introduced themselves to students present.
2. President Christina Hillesheim discussed the following announcements:
 - a. Office of the Graduate School Website—Resource for students to contact GSA Executive Committee members, gain insight to upcoming events, and access forms pertinent to graduate students.
 - b. “Like” GSA on Facebook and “Follow” on Twitter—Great mechanism to have reminders of upcoming events.
3. President Christina Hillesheim informed students of upcoming GSA meetings as follows:
 - a. September 28th, October 26th, November 30th
4. President Christina Hillesheim discussed upcoming service events that the GSA will participate in. Canoe Day will be September 19th. Sign-up sheets circulated during the meeting for students to volunteer. 30 students indicated interest in volunteering on the sign-up sheet. Service dates in the following months will be October 31st and December 5th.
5. President Christina Hillesheim discussed upcoming social activities for GSA students to attend. The away football game social will be September 26th, 2015 at Lost Pizza Company. The ropes course at Camp Seminole will be October 10th, 2015. Sign-up sheets for both activities circulated during the meeting in efforts to get an approximate head count of attendance. 29 people indicated interest in attending the ropes course and 20 people indicated interest in attending the away game social. Trivia night is planned for November 21st, 2015.
6. President Christina Hillesheim discussed GSA Ambassadors with students present. Information shared included duties of ambassadors and how to express interest in becoming an ambassador. Sign-up sheets were circulated during the meeting for those interested. 22 students indicated interest in becoming a GSA ambassador.
7. Guest speakers Dr. Deborah Lee and Mrs. Stephanie Agnew from the university library discussed available resources within the library for graduate students. Handouts were distributed to individuals in attendance.
8. President Christina Hillesheim discussed conference travel reimbursement available to graduate students. Graduate students are urged to talk to their department about funding. Active graduate students are able to apply for travel assistance from the GSA after attending a conference. Students in attendance were shown how to access the necessary forms on the Office of the Graduate School website.
9. President Christina Hillesheim opened the floor for questions or concerns from students. A student indicated that her previous university had free printing up to a certain limit for students. She requested that students get access to free printing up to a certain limit or pay a one-time fee each year in order to be able to print without paying per page.
10. Students present participated in “Get to Know You Bingo” in which they had to network with others in the room to fill boxes on their bingo card.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.