

## **1<sup>st</sup> General Body Meeting – September 8, 2014**

- Mrs. Margaret counted 63 people in attendance.
- The meeting began with an analogy activity led by Dr. Long, in which students compared the MSU graduate school to things including cars, colors, and airlines.
- Graduate school representatives in attendance were Dr. Rebecca Long, Interim Associate Dean, and Ms. Margaret McMullen, GSA Program Advisor.
- All Executive Board Officers were in attendance.
- Updates from the Graduate School included a reminder about Travel Grants. Grants for the next period are due September 30. Students presenting at National Conferences may apply. The application can be found on the Graduate School website.
- All graduate students are invited to like our Facebook page: “Graduate Student Association – Mississippi State University,” and to follow us on Twitter: @msugsa.
- Events coming up include the following:
  - Canoe Day at the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge from 9a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 13. Those who come will get to canoe around Bluff Lake and see wildlife.
  - Palmer Home Fishing Derby at the Refuge on September 20 in the morning. We will be helping children at the Palmer Home orphanage go fishing.
  - Refuge Week celebration on September 27, 2014 where we will help cook hamburgers and set up tables.
  - Habitat for Humanity is October 10 from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. We need more volunteers for this event.
  - Away Game Football Social – this will be September 20 with the time to be announced. It will be at a local restaurant.
- This year we are also looking for Graduate School Ambassadors to help with events. Anyone who is interested will need to contact an officer to ask for more information.

### **Graduate Student Association Executive Board Meeting**

Monday, September 1, 2014

- First Meeting
  - It will be Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00 in McCool
  - The rest of the meetings for the Fall semester will be on the second Monday of the month

- T.J. has the email draft in progress to send out to everyone
- Food will be from Abners, which seemed to be a favorite last year. We will need plates, napkins, drinks, ice, and chips as well. We will pick up the food at 4:00 on Monday.
- We will have a welcome and introductions. After announcements we will have a fun ice breaker game. We would like to find door prizes for the meeting, and will check about Graduate School mugs.
- Events coming up:
  - Palmer Home Fishing Derby on the 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Refuge Day
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - Canoe Day
  - We need to check on the specific days and times
  - We will have sign-up sheets for each of these events
- Ambassadors
  - T.J. suggested that each officer recruit one from our department that we know will be reliable, and then ask at the general meeting for volunteers to fill the rest of the positions.
- T-Shirts
  - We would like to provide t-shirts for Ambassadors. We need a design and want a maroon shirt.
- Budget
  - We need to see the budget for the year, so Amy will go find it
- CERT – Community Emergency Response Team
  - We are helping out with the CERT fair. We are sponsoring \$250 and are sending volunteers to help.
- Football Watch Party/Welcome Back Event
  - We agreed to meet at Casa Bravo on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September. It is an away game. We do not yet know the time, but it will be after the Fishing Derby at the refuge. We will provide appetizers like last year.
- Symposium and Banquet
  - Our tentative date for the symposium is March 21, which is the weekend after Spring Break. We need to find out when Graduate Student Appreciation Week is before we set certain dates. We would like to have the Banquet in the Mize Center again if possible.