

**Graduate Student Association
General Membership Meeting**

October 26, 2015

Number of students in attendance: 54

1. Members of the GSA Executive Committee introduced themselves to members present at the request of the membership.
2. President Christina Hillesheim discussed the following announcements:
 - a. 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.
 - b. Upcoming meeting date: November 30th
3. President Christina Hillesheim discussed the service event for the month of October. Members who attended the first date were thanked for their participation. President Christina Hillesheim informed members that the second date is completely full but she will inform members if a spot opens up. The service event for the month of November is volunteering at the Salvation Army Store on November 21, 2015. Time slots are available for those who wish to participate.
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 reminded members present of the requirements to be considered an active member of GSA. Students must participate in at least three events (meetings, social, or service) a semester to be considered active.
6. President Christina Hillesheim discussed the upcoming social event in November 7th, 2015 as the Ropes Course. President Christina Hillesheim informed students that they must sign up tonight before the end of the meeting if they intend to go. No last minute reservations will be accepted. President Christina Hillesheim informed members present that the cost to attend will be approximately 5 to 10 dollars dependent upon attendance. Payments should be made in cash.
7. OneArt @ MSU representative Damien Jones discussed the organization and discussed the meaning of love with members present.
8. Dr. Regina Hyatt, the Vice President for Student Affairs, and Andrew Rendon, the Planning and Assessment Chair, requested feedback from graduate students using an interactive format to respond to five questions about campus. Members present also discussed other ideas for graduate students specifically. Dr. Regina Hyatt informed students that one.msstate.edu has a calendar of events for students.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.