

1. Guest speaker - Kate Russell, Sr. User Experience Analyst, Hesburgh Libraries
 - a. The library's website is being redesigned
 - b. Looking for focus groups to help with redesign
 - c. Tuesday, May 10 & Friday May 13
 - i. There will be food
 - ii. Email Kate for more information
2. Approval of minutes from last two GSU meetings (since we didn't have quorum last meeting)
 - a. Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President (*Physics*) Do we have a motion to approve?
 - b. Margie Housley (*English*) Yes
 - c. Natalie Sargent (*History*) Seconds this motion
3. Meredith Doellman, GSU Co-Vice President (*Biological Sciences*)
 - a. CIF committee continues to evaluate use of CIFs as teaching evaluations and in tenure/promotion decisions
 - b. GSU Teaching Awards
 - i. Looks like we will have at least 15 nominees
 - ii. Looking for 2-3 volunteers to serve on the review committee next week
 - iii. Plan to announce the winners on Monday, April 25th
4. Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President (*Physics*)
 - a. Board of Trustees report
 - i. Six pages long
 - ii. Presenting this on April 28
 - b. Two Issues
 - i. Healthcare out of pocket maximum
 - ii. Housing - once O'Hara Grace and others close
 1. The Overlook - not affordable
5. Natalie Sargent, Healthcare Chair (*History*)
 - a. It's my understanding with FOG that Fischer will be used mostly for families. Is there any room for grad students to push back on this policy?
 - b. Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President (*Physics*)
 - i. I'm not encouraging people to live at The Overlook
 - ii. If university is going to encourage living there, I'm going to push for 3-4 bedrooms
6. Eve Granatosky (*Chemistry & Biochemistry*)
 - a. Is the Board of Trustees aware of what our stipends are?
 - b. Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President (*Physics*)
 - i. Comparing us to research faculty and post-docs, we're at the bottom, pay-wise
 - c. Kristen Drahos, Quality of Life Chair (*Theology*)
 - i. I heard the general stipend is going to be redistributed over twelve months...(unrecorded comment)...Also, (we) don't want post-docs to get abandoned
 - d. Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President (*Physics*)

- e. Other questions? Reminder, elections are coming up. Let us know if anyone is interested
7. Administrative Assistant Report, Laurie Hesch (*GSU Administrative Assistant*)
 - a. My report includes budget numbers and open rate for both the newsletter as well as any announcements. My report stands
 8. Academic Affairs Report
 - a. Michael Altenburger, Academic Affairs Chair (*Theology*)
 - b. I'll be meeting with the Deans in regards to...pregnancy...(unrecorded comment)
 - c. Conversations continue about available study spaces for undergrads and grad students. Graduate Student Advisory Panel met on March 31
 - i. How the libraries can help grad students to be effective at each stage of graduate career
 - ii. What issues need to be addressed with spaces in the libraries
 - iii. If you're interested in these conversations or have suggestions, contact Mandy Havert (Graduate Outreach Services & Education Librarian) or Ed Edmonds (Law Professor & Associate Dean for Libraries)
 9. Healthcare Report
 - a. Natalie Sargent, Healthcare Chair (*History*)
 - b. We hosted GSU Spring Blood Drive on April 7 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 - i. Blood mobile in library circle
 - ii. We had 35 registered donors and 24 successful drive units
 - iii. Issue arose with regard to SBMF's donor policy
 1. As of late 2015, the FDA suggests a 12-month deferral for men who've had sexual contact with other men
 - a. Previously, this was an indefinite or lifetime deferral
 2. Executive Board and I had been under the impression that SBMF donor policy would reflect the most up-to-date FDA policy.
 3. Some GSU members have noted ways in which older policy is unduly discriminatory and demeaning
 4. Until SBMF changes policy to reflect the newer FDA guidelines, a change they say is in progress, Bryant has recommended we not host another blood drive with them
 - c. Margie Housley (*English*)
 - i. A quick Google search "Be the Match" has no restrictions on men having had sexual relations with other men
 - ii. I find this terrible. I try to give blood every six weeks. I find it incredibly offensive. I'm uncomfortable with not supporting it. I feel we should encourage grad students to participate in other blood drives.
 - d. Angel Matos, Quality of Life Chair (*English*)
 - i. I can't donate blood. I have lots of family and friends who have been saved by blood donations. Life matters in this context.
 - e. Katie Button-Simons, Professional Development Chair (*Biological Sciences*)
 - i. All blood is tested before anybody receives it. I say we go all the way. Be an advocate and host a blood drive.

- f. Eve Bjerre (*Sociology*)
 - i. I say we compromise
 - g. Angel Matos, Quality of Life Chair (*English*)
 - i. I like that idea
 - h. Meredith Doellman, GSU Co-Vice President (*Biological Sciences*)
 - i. Maybe (we can) combine with Katie's idea and send a message to the FDA
 - i. Sara Morrow (*Anthropology*)
 - i. Let's wait it out for the summer. Don't put the cart before the horse
 - j. Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President (*Physics*)
 - i. We may meet and discuss these options. No official decisions have been made
10. Professional Development
- a. Katie Button Simons, Professional Development Chair (*Biological Sciences*)
 - i. 3MT update
 - 1. Maria Gibbs won Regional Competition
 - ii. If you have comments or suggestions let Josh and I know
 - iii. We may combine 3MT and the Symposium next year
 - iv. One half of our abstracts were from Master's students
 - 1. 43 abstracts total
 - a. Post-Docs weren't included this year
 - i. This wasn't our choice
11. Quality of Life
- a. Sayanty Roy, Quality of Life Chair (*Biological Sciences*)
 - i. Two-Body Problem luncheon April 21
 - 1. GSSN & GRC are co-sponsoring this event with AWIS, SWE & GSU
 - ii. May 1 is last shuttle (van) by Marty in Transportation
 - 1. Marty suggested contacting the Center for Social Concerns (to use their mini-vans) if we decide to do this again for next year, as he won't be able to do it
 - b. Margie Housley (*English*) {reading Angel's report, as he had to leave early}
 - i. Last Friday was Queer in Academia Luncheon. Faculty, Queer and Trans people on panel. It was great to have support of faculty and grad students
 - ii. May 10 is the Coming Out Night at Legends
12. Social
- a. Kristen Johnson, Gabe LaBonia, Social Chairs (*Chemistry & Biochemistry*)
 - i. Discussed past social events
 - ii. Upcoming events
 - 1. May 2, Rise 'n Roll fundraiser, LaFortune Elevator Lobby
 - 2. May 5, Captain America Movie Premiere, Cinemark Movies 14, Mishawaka, 8:00 p.m.
13. Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President (*Physics*)

- a. We're going to skip break-out sessions
- b. Are there any announcements?
- 14. Meredith Doellman, GSU Co-Vice President (*Biological Sciences*)
 - a. We just hired a new Orientation Chair - Max Bullard
 - i. Was one of Mimi's Orientation Ambassadors last year
- 15. Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President (*Physics*)
 - a. Do we have a move to adjourn?
 - b. Michael Longenecker (*Philosophy*)
 - i. Yes
 - c. Libby Baker (*History*)
 - i. Seconds this motion
- 16. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.