

GSA Fall 2024 Meeting  
September 11 2024 Minutes

Attendees:

- ❖ Rudra, Emily, Doreen, Sofia, Ian C., Eren, Dandre, Noah, Sam, Lizzy, Cara, Clark, Cameron, Hamish, Stephanie, Becca, Idamis, Ally, Grant, Marissa, Ben, Prem, Cayden, Matt, Jerald, Sarah, Claire, Kiram, Yingshun, Nicholas, Evan (v)

Agenda:

- ❖ **General Announcements:**
  - Talking about what GSA does to the new students
  - Updates on what GSA did last year
    - Hired 2 new faculty: Andrea and Davis
    - Graduate students got a raise! (40%)
  - Went in a circle and introduced ourselves
  - There are some positions that are empty, so Rudra suggests to the first years if they would like to take these positions
    - Alumni Rep: Sam Kimball
    - Communication Rep (new position): Eren
    - DEI committee (3rd person): Idamis
    - Recruitment:
- ❖ Treasurer (Grant):
  - If you drove to Devil's Lake, see Grant for reimbursement (up to 25\$)
  - Looking for 3-4 people for fundraising (calendar)
  - Calendar did not happen last year because of poor printing
  - Email Grant if interested
  - We have money!
  - Bring back AMS cookbook!
- ❖ Faculty Reps (Grant and Jerald):
  - New personnel
  - Lecturer hired for the semester for AOS 330: Sarah
  - Osman helping with finance and personnel
  - Awards for faculty
  - Scott wants people to send in stuff for alumni newsletter by the end of the month
  - Professional portrait day on Oct 9
  - ILM proposal- get money to upgrade learning space
    - Chalk vs whiteboard
    - Working on 1125
  - Discussion on improving 811
    - Knock down the AV booth
  - Moved around rooms (undergrad, professional masters, etc)
  - Travel funding proposal due Oct 1
    - Rolling deadline, but priority is Oct 1

- Carolyn rotating across a few different departments (astronomy, geology, etc)
- Group hires
  - 3 group hires university-wide
  - Trying to get into the earth one
- IDPs
  - every first year will have one)
- 901, 902, 903 series now required
- Classes and associated instructors listed for the spring
  - Dan's advanced stats class?
- Goals for this year
- ❖ Social Coordinator (Emily):
  - Sending out a survey for department activities
  - Organize a kickball or dodgeball game against geoscience (?)
  - Office decorating competition
  - Potential haunted house
  - Something for Halloween
- ❖ Seminar (Evan):
  - Run by GSA, more low-key than colloquium
  - Mainly for students
  - Schedule is filled up for the rest of the Fall semester
  - Highlights:
    - Career panel (UCAR, NWS, etc)
    - NWS presentation on tornadoes
  - Sign up to set up tea and cookies
- ❖ Outreach (Becca and Stephanie):
  - Science on the square (Oct 15 and 19)
    - Need volunteers (at least 3)
    - An email will be sent out for more details
  - Science Olympiads
    - This year is on climate and climate change
    - Looking for people who are interested in helping with this event
    - Send Stephanie an email if interested
  - Storm changing and old people
    - Giving a talk to a retirement home
    - Tornadoes (?)
    - Send Becca an email if interested
- ❖ DEI (Becca and Doreen):
  - September is suicide prevention month
    - Becca is giving out posters for resources
  - Proposal for OASIS to GSA as an extension
    - Becca will have a proposal by the next GSA meeting at least
- ❖ Welcome Committee (Hamish):
  - One more event happening in the spring
- ❖ Student Research Experiences Committee (Marissa):

- STORM REU
  - Was a success!
  - Is not running in 2025
- ❖ AMS Chapter (Ben and Cayden):
  - Ben is in charge of the DEI and community outreach
    - Establish a connection between AMS and GSA at the undergraduate level
    - Money is good
    - Last year's solstice party- a loan was taken out because the room at union south was deemed a bit difficult