

GSA Fall 2024 Meeting
October 24 2024 Minutes

Attendees:

- ❖ Rudra, Clark, Nicolas, Leo, Noah, Kiran, Idamis, Emily, Taydra, Ally, Shane, Jerold, Claire, Adrianna, Katie, Jaf, Sarah, Katie W., Prem, Grant, Yingshun, Becca, Erin

Agenda:

- ❖ **General Announcements:**
 - Department review: 8 people showed up. Yay
 - Hearing back in a couple months
 - Handbook for grad students (?), but hasn't been updated
 - New link to a google form for teaching experiences / outreach
 - By Andrea Lang (Albany)
 - Gives students an opportunity to teach without necessarily being a TA
 - No graduate stipend raise. Boo
 - Suggests next year to do a small percent raise
- ❖ Secretary (Ally):
 - Still need pictures from Emily, Marissa and Evan
 - Once I get the pictures, the GSA website will be updated
- ❖ Treasurer (Grant):
 - We have funding
 - \$950 for welcoming people
 - \$150/200 for AMP
 - \$200 for social
 - Can ask the department to increase the funds for social from 200-300\$, was submitted to Christi
- ❖ Curriculum (Ally):
 - Updates on prospective schedule for Fall 2025
 - Approved courses: 762, 722, 460
 - Rudra: survey will be sent out on how us graduate students will feel about current core classes (eg: 610, 611, 630, etc)
- ❖ Faculty Reps (Grant and Jerald):
 - Oct 24 / 45 : during homecoming weekend, university wide fundraising
 - That's where our department gets a lot of funding
 - Approval for new whiteboards
 - Pete teaching instruments (?) for CTD
 - Improvements for 811
 - Big discussion on TA allocation and grader policy
 - We gone 3x over for TAs last year (Christi)
 - Environmental sciences
 - Tuition increase for professional masters (i think 200\$)

- DEI stuff other than the code of conduct
 - Alumni award nominations
 - Recruitment
- ❖ Social Coordinator (Emily):
 - Doreen has been having health issues and has taken the semester off
 - Send her a care package / card
 - If interested in what to get her- send an email to Emily
 - Organize a viewing of the cool comet that's been going around
 - Sounds we can't do it on the roof): we need at least 1 faculty member for us to be on the roof
 - The sooner to set up the date (want to convince their advisor to let us on the roof), the better
 - Probably between like 7-830
 - Corn maze / apple picking / pumpkin patch (?)
 - This saturday 10/20 seems to be like the best day for everyone
 - Sign up sheet for drivers who can take people that want to go
 - Email to be sent after the meeting on what specific place to go
- ❖ Seminar (Evan):
 - No updates
- ❖ Outreach (Becca and Stephanie):
 - Event this saturday- Wisconsin Science Fest
 - Need volunteers - let becca know by friday
- ❖ DEI (Becca / Doreen / Idamis):
 - Working on code of conduct - ripped it to shreds (over 200 comments yikes)
 - Very against "punishment" words in COC (?)
 - Goals with the department
 - Ideas about how to highlight more students especially on social media
- ❖ Welcome Committee (Hamish):
 - No updates
- ❖ Student Research Experiences Committee (Marissa):
 - No updates
- ❖ AMS Chapter (Ben and Cayden):
 - No updates
- ❖ Recruitment (Prem):
 - Department got approved to get another faculty member
 - Looking for 2 representatives
 - RISE EARTH
 - Department is getting funding from university to hire new faculty
 - Looking for early career hires
 - Intersectional / working outside of AOS
 - Create more collaborations across departments
 - Email sent out a few weeks ago
 - Remote sensing, AO dynamics, AI (?) [chancellor said no because of RISE AI]
 - It's time intensive but really rewarding (Emily, from experience)

- Timeline:
 - Applications by end of Nov
 - January is interview time
 - Spring Colloquium time slots taken by these applicants
 - Rudra will be the 2nd representative - but an email will be sent out if people are interested
 - Leo and Adrianna expressed interest
- ❖ Graduate Program (Clark):
 - Open house for prospective students
 - Zoom open house on Nov 20
 - Opportunities for people applying to the graduate program
 - FAQs + Advice + Meetings
 - Mentorship program that Leo and Rudra have started
 - Help prospective students through the application process
 - Partnering with AMP
 - 13 grad students have signed up. Yay
 - Website launching in Nov
 - Updating the AOS website for prospective students
 - New page with lots more information and helpful links
 - Sign up isn't closed!
 - List potential advisors who do and do not have funding for new students
- ❖ Alumni (Yingshun)
 - Fill the Hill fundraising
 - Next week is homecoming, so alumni is welcome to come
- ❖ Communications (Erin)
 - No updates