GSA Exec Budget Meeting
8/2/2018

Budget for 2018-2019 (summary)

❖ Yard sale – planning for approximately the same as last year

❖ Fall party and spring party – projected costs and profits are in the middle of the range of fall and spring party from last year.
  ➢ There was a significant increase in the price of the bounce house, we will ask the fall party planners to do some research and see if there is a less-expensive bounce house through another company.

❖ Silent auction – planning for just under the profits from the last two years

❖ Research and travel grants – there are some changes here
  ➢ Last year: awarded 2 research grants and 2 travel grants
  ➢ This upcoming year: plan to award 2 research grants and 4 travel grants

❖ Community service – increased from last year

❖ Green team – gets own budget, TBD if they need more they will make a specific request*

❖ Professional development – gets own budget, increased from last year mostly due to wildly successful Scientist-Walks-into-a-Bar events*

❖ Sowers house maintenance – slightly decreased from last year

❖ GSA café – gets own budget, TBD whether we will contract this out in the style of TGIs in the future. Jessie will buy coffee maker and other long-term supplies (that we can also use at fall/spring party rather than borrowing from facilities)

❖ All-hands meetings – pizza budget increased from last year (using online pizza calculator)

❖ International students / game nights – increased slightly from last year*

❖ TGI committee – some of last year’s TGI purchases have been reimbursed during this current fiscal year due to the PO scandal of summer 2018. We are not worried about it, we are going to treat right now (the beginning of August) as our “zero point” and move forward from here*

* For subcommittees with large budgets (PDC, Green Team, Int. Students, TGI) we will be asking each of them to spend 1/3 of their budget by November, or else justify why they have not yet spent it (e.g. they have a specific huge event planned for January, etc). They have all been emailed about their budgets for the upcoming year (thanks Mar!)
❖ Discontinued budget items:
  ➢ Pie fundraiser
  ➢ Field day (TBD, but not in the fall because Dan Coleman is gone)

Other orders of business
❖ Grants – checked with Jackie and Vaskar about changing the dates for travel and research grants to better align with the fiscal year – Jackie says go for it, Vaskar had some questions but I think he will be ok with it. Cathy Cake nicely implied we need to change dates ASAP.
❖ Writing – there has long been a desire to do a GSA-planned-and-executed writing retreat, perhaps at Wachapreague during winter. Academic studies runs writing boot camps and we don’t want to interfere with that, but we will brainstorm ways of naming and pulling off a writing retreat that will not raise hackles.
❖ Rower for Sowers house – Amanda, Michelle, and Lydia will pick this up from Jen Hay’s mom on Monday, a truck has been reserved and Cathy has been notified.
❖ GSA Digest to start the 1st of Sept!

Responsibilities (thanks Lydia!):

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❖ PDC Scientist-Bar posters: we will put them up in Sowers House if people don’t put them up in their own labs/offices. We want to display them, so if people don’t prove to us via photographic evidence that they have displayed their poster, we are keeping it and putting it up in Sowers. Michelle will talk to PDC about this and email people who have done the event already?
We will touch bases with Linda sometime in October. Date TBD.

Celebrating good work – we need to post on social media about defenses and published papers! More than just Lydia needs to be doing this! Let’s celebrate the successes of our fellow grad students! If you go to a defense, take a picture and post to social media please!

Next GSA café – Thursday August 30. Responsibilities as usual.

1st-year election will happen the week leading up to Wachapreague

“F”all hands meeting will be on Monday September 10.

Next exec meetings:

➢ Thursday August 23rd to prepare for orientation (and Fall-hands meeting)
➢ Monday September 24th to finalize budget