GSA exec meeting September 6, 2018

Preparing for F’all hands meeting

- Wachapreague work days – in the fall hands presentation
  - maybe we can put postdocs who are interested in coming in the extra slots even though they don’t fall under the grad student funding

- Fall party date is a Saturday not a Friday this year due to scheduling conflicts
  - Double checked why it’s not Friday Oct. 19 – that is W&M homecoming
  - Is there a way we can improve this in the future, such as blocking out the same two Saturdays (spring and fall) every year? We will ask Linda.

- Volunteer hours in Tribelink
  - Lydia is admin currently
  - Jessie added screenshots and instructions to the very end of the fall hands presentation. She will send out just those slides as instructions for people later on.
  - New students need to be added as members of the VIMS GSA group on tribelink.
  - New students also need to be added to the google group (non-official email list)

- Mental health updates
  - Updated Lydia about the status on a new counselor in the works as Dr. Owens is going to be gone this year for personal reasons.
  - We will reiterate to students that W&M resources on main campus are always available and the ombuds will drive you there.

- Committee leader and officer sign up sheets are nearly done
  - Soliciting at f’all hands:
    - 1 TGI
    - 3 Party planners (1 shadow fall, start spring, 2 more shadow spring)
    - 1 Research grant chair
    - 1 Travel grant chair
    - 1 Awards committee member
    - 1 Honors council member
    - 1 Honors council chair (to shadow Amanda K. and start spring 2019)
    - 1 Green Team leader (to shadow Jackie and start spring 2019)
    - 1 Best student paper award committee rep
    - 3 Chili cook off organizers
    - 1 Silent Auction organizer
  - We will need to solicit more people at spring all hands.
• In answer to a question, yes, the grad council reps (currently Dan C. and Lindsey N.) oversee finding people to be on the W&M committees called “student conduct council” and “student conduct appeals.”

• Ombuds – we only have two faculty and one student ombud right now since Miguel is in Sweden. Jessie will email Linda about this. Also, we will remind Kate B. that she should be there at all hands as we are putting her face on the slide.

• Next meeting: September 24. We will meet as GSA execs from 3-4 and then go meet Linda from 4-5pm.

• Tasks:
  o Replace bad coffee maker with good coffee maker and thermos
  o Buy pizza for f’all hands
  o Buy other food (veggie tray) for f’all hands
  o Buy alcohol for f’all hands as it is now a “happy hour”