GSA exec meeting November 29, 2018

Dates:

- Next GSA café is Thursday Dec 13th in CBH 2nd floor conference room
- Following GSA café is Thursday Jan 17th location TBD to welcome people back to class
- Next GSA exec meeting is also Thursday Jan 17th 12-1pm, as a group clean up the café and meet in the same room

Mental health services update

- Met with Donna today, she has a lot of interest in doing things specifically to benefit students with minimal involvement of administration. She has a lot of autonomy and will approach this as a sort of private practice to meet students’ needs.
- She asked for help with advertising in way that will be inclusive and very open. We brainstormed a few phrases that we thought avoided a traditional counseling/therapy feel and spoke to VIMS culture and students’ needs.

Digest

- Dates of events: café, holiday parties
- AJ’s survey about feelings toward new academic milestone
- Wachapreague work days
- Equipment trust (due Dec 7)
- Student papers

Financial updates

- Square for credit cards is working (for Silent Auction) although there is a surcharge ~3 percent
- Restored radio donations will be sold on eBay for maximum profit rather than silent auction
- Donated bike will be sold at silent auction if possible
- Do we need a new treadmill? Asked students, will revisit if it is not working
- Do we need to talk with Academic Studies about networking event? Michelle will check PDC email records and Mar will keep track of this with Carol to make sure networking event is funded as discussed during planning.
- Mar will email subcommittee leaders checking on the status of their budgets and encouraging them to spend more now if they need to, rather than all in April.

Equipment trust fund

- Jessie will advertise the RFP by tomorrow Friday Nov 30. It will be due the following Friday Dec 7. It is a very simple form so a week is enough time.
Holiday party skit update

- Kristen says the VIMS-wide holiday party entertainment is mostly planned and does not include a 1st year skit. We are asking first years to do a skit at the grad students only holiday party instead. Lydia sent out an email.

Wachapreague work days

- Interest is low but we are still doing this the first half of Spring Break in March. Email Lydia to make sure you are on the list.

Holiday Movie

- Home Alone – We will make cocoa from GSA café leftovers. Lydia and Michelle will get food. Jessie will rent the movie and set it up on her computer. Starts 6pm tomorrow Friday Nov 30.

To revisit in January:

- Pamunkey Reservation tour suggested by Pamela
- Wachapreague work days