VIMS GSA Executive Committee Meeting
February 13, 2019

- Dates for upcoming events:

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- Recap on meeting with Dean Linda Schaffner
  
  o Plans to hire two assistant directors to help with duties.
    - These positions will be in contact with student leadership.
    - GSAexec will possibly be consulted during the hiring process.
    - Timeframe is TBD.

  o Clayton Annex plans
    - Building is very old and would not pass code if major renovations were planned. Renovations will have to be fairly minor. Facilities is limited on what they can do with it.
    - Likely 1 year timeframe from the start of the renovations. The start time is TBD.
    - In the future, we will plan to advocate for the best minor renovations possible considering the circumstances.

  o W&M events versus VIMS events
    - VIMS students are the main focus of VIMS events.
    - W&M events can be oriented toward serving the overall grad student community across schools, but VIMS events should really only be for VIMS students.
    - For existing traditional large events such as Spring Party, Fall Party, and the Journal Club presentations/TGIs hosted by VIMS, it is still absolutely fine to advertise to the greater W&M grad student community.

  o Possible wellness clinic with Kelly Crace
    - GSA would be in charge of organizing and advertising this.
    - Fall 2019 is the target. The wellness center can help plan and organize the event as long as it is far enough in the future.
    - We will ask for a raise of hands for interest at Spring All Hands meeting.
Ombuds team
- Faculty are ombudspeople, students are “peer mentors” on the ombuds team. Make sure to use the correct terminology.
- Amanda will follow up with the current peer mentors to ask about future training for the future new member.
- Self nominations are due soon to Lydia. Then GSA exec will look over nominations.

Budget updates – larger budget than expected for Spring 2019

Brainstorming options for future events
- Opportunity to try the new ramped pricing structure for spring party
- Possibly buy furniture or items for Clayton and store before the move (this may be too far in the future to buy items now)
- A second treadmill for Sowers – TBD.
- Toaster for GSA café – definitely needed.
- Wachapreague Work Days food – definitely, if enough people sign up.
- Possible St. Patrick’s Day or other spring-themed party.
- Be brainstorming for future events to spend our funds.

Plan to approve PDC request for funds.
- Jessie will inform them that we have approved their request.

Wachapreague Work Days
- Deadline to Lydia is Monday February 18.
- So far 4 people signed up including GSA member(s)
- We will decide by email whether to still do this with less than 6 people if it comes down to it.

Health insurance info session
- Trista Sikes will do it Friday March 29th.
- General questions only.
- For specific questions that might get into confidential health matters, Jessie will make an anonymous form for people to add their questions. They can be addressed in a very general sense at the info session.
- We will advertise this in the GSA digest.
- Maybe serve pizza as an added bonus now that we have a larger budget.

Upcoming March GSA café
- March 14 in CBH 2nd floor conference room.
- PI-day theme!