RGSA Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2014 | 10:30 – 11:00

Present: Sarah Pears (SP), Clare Crosby (CC), Christine Peterson (CP), Jeff O’Donnell (JO), Sam Parker (SPA), Rezwana Zafar (RZ), Bess Perry (BP)

SP – Scheduling...When do we want our next RGSA meeting? We can meet with incoming officers and hand off important documents. Let’s tentatively say May 6th in the morning.

SP - Faculty breakfast is on for Thursday, 8:30 to 10:00. We have $150 to spend. SP will look into ordering donuts.

RGSA Elections

JO – Good response rate so far. Voting closes on April 28th.

RZ – When will people know about election results?
SP, CP – We’ll send out an e-mail to grads and new officers. On April 29th we’ll send an e-mail to grads announcing new officers. Also, send a Doodle poll re: new and current officer availability on May 6.

Social Update

CC – BBQ is fast approaching...Saturday, May 3rd. We’ll plan on getting food for 50 people. Location will be Oakledge south pavilion closest to the large parking area. BBQ will kick off at 1 p.m. and go until sunset (or whenever people disperse).
SP – Bess will consult with CC re: options for those with dietary needs. CC will be sure to include vegan and gluten free food.
JO, CP – We have some picnic supplies. We will need paper plates.

CC – Budget for the BBQ?
SP – Depends on how much toner we want.
RZ – When does the budget period end?
SP – June 15th. Let’s spend whatever we have left on toner.
CC, CP – Toner is good to have. That’s what the Exec. Committee did last year.
SPA – What are we doing with Com-PIE-tition funds?
SP, CP, RZ – We agreed to spend the $60 portion not going to charity on food, including non-alcoholic drinks, cider, lemonade, etc.

RSENKR Community Celebration

CP – Emilie is looking for photos. We should put together a folder to send to Emilie. JO and SP will send photos to CP.
RZ is meeting with her mentee tomorrow. CP will stop by and take photos.

JO – Do we want to cover the $5 fee for a certain number of tickets like last year?
SP, CP – Let’s put the money to toner instead. Last year we covered half of the $10 price, $5 is something that grads can afford.
Budget Update

SPA migrated all RGSA budget info to the RGSA Google Drive.
SP – We spent $50 on Com-PIE-tition awards. There were no supply costs.

SPA – If $60 of Com-PIE funds goes to charity, that leaves $76. If we spend $150 on faculty breakfast and $350 on the BBQ and purchase 3 toner cartridges that will spend out our budget for the year.

SP – Sounds good. $60 will go to New Farms for New Americans.

Other Business

CP to RZ and BP - Was the Burlington housing info packet helpful?

RZ – Yes, but I have suggestions. RZ will send suggestions to CP
BP – The timing was good.
CP would like to send it out earlier. Would be great to get it out in May.
BP agrees. CP is in touch with Carolyn re: when all new grads are signed up.

CP and BP – The mentoring end-of-the-year survey will be going out soon. Also, returning students will be asked if they want to continue their current pairing next year.