RGSA Executive Committee Meeting
January 31, 2013

Present: Nathan, Becca, Ellen, Kate, Ryan, Vinson (GSS), Christine (GSS)

President's Report (Nathan)
Main priorities for semester: Mentoring Program, Social Events, and RGSA Elections (most of us are all rolling off and/or graduating).

Budget (Kate)
Money budgeted for three more happy hours (x$150/ea), end of year BBQ, Com-PIE-tition, All-members Meeting, and Mini-Grants ($1,000)

Mini-grants: Applications will be due Wednesday February, 20th.

Social (Ellen)
January social event at Das Bierhaus worked great, we spent a little more than normal, but we still have the regular amount left over for future happy hours.

Happy Hour for February 21st: VPB or Three Needs (we would bring in our own food).
Happy Hour for March 21st: Location TBD
Happy Hour for April 18th: Location TBD

Com-PIE-tition to occur on April 1st (no fooling).

Graduation BBQ for May 10th: Oak Ledge or North Beach?

Mentoring (Becca)
We have huge institutional support for this. For this semester: we’ll let mentoring continue for people who want to do that, and make it more flexible for others who aren’t as interested in the time commitment. We will set up a web portal for scheduling. We also talked about hosting some events for undergrads to come and talk to a mentor, especially since there are so many more students interested (possibly because of students getting ready to graduate, thinking of summer programs)– and we’ve got the money for it! Ideas: brown bag lunches, organized sit down meet and greets. The Plan: organize 6-8 dates between now and the end of April to have 2-3 grad students sit in the undergraduate lounge during a lunch time hour. Lunch provided for mentors, cookies and refreshments provided for the students. It will be an open invite to come and chat with grads about summer opportunities, planning for the finishing up school, graduate school apps, jobs, etc.

Communications (Ryan)
We will soon get an RGSA e-mail account set up for all inquiries into mini-grants, mentoring, etc.

Next RGSA Meeting: Tuesday, February 19th at 3:30