

Graduate Student Association

Meeting Agenda

October 16, 2015

- I. Welcome
- II. Role Call-2:00 pm
- III. Updates
 - a. Thesis/Dissertation Support Group – David Taylor
 - b. Professional Development Seminar Update – Victoria Maher
 - c. SGA Update- Game Day – Blue line available
- IV. Upcoming Professional Development Seminar Brainstorming
 - a. Upcoming Seminars

Need to brainstorm new topics-give skills for workforce not acquired in the classroom

 - Such as what to put in linked in- resume-interview skills
 - Idea- stress management
 - Idea- Job searching- open fields, etc.
 - b. GTA Brownbag Seminars-

Had speaker talking about pedagogy with need for interdisciplinary teaching – Need ideas or interest for more seminars?

 - Idea- how to teach and what is your philosophy
 - Idea- boot camp for preparing before classes start
 - Idea-dealing with differentiation of instruction
 - Idea- How to deal with problem students
 - Idea- preserving privacy of the student's grades
 - Idea- Transactional Negotiation
 - Idea- Rules for appropriate email contact w/ professor
- V. Discussion of Graduate Student Issues
 - a. GA Contracts-

- Responsibility for GA contracts has become departmentalized- each department determines the GA funding with stipend and limit to how long each the contract lasts
- Contracts vary- ex. changed from unlimited to 9 – each contract will differ but this is variable and negotiable. If necessary can find an exception to extent GA funding through additional avenues while seeking employment

b. GA- needed- contact the Interim Director of Graduate Student Services--- James Kierulff, Ph.D at jkerulff@memphis.edu

c. Other issues?

VI. Announcements

a. Tiger Zone – Jennifer Stevens

- Go to main website-search Tiger Zone- click U of M Student Organizations- click on Memphis.collegiate.net
- This webpage links to 220 different U of M student organizations including the GSA
- All GSA events and news will be posted here to find

b. “Road Less Traveled” event – Shahid Wanyanga-Tate- not in attendance

c. Fellowship Opportunity – Starbucks in Campus Bookstore - Oct 19 (12-2)

i. jamie.smith@educationpioneers.org

d. Other Announcements- Committee sign ups still available

VII. End Meeting- 2:39 pm.

VIII. Next Meeting – November 13, 2015 at 1 PM in UC 261 (Senate Chamber)

a. www.memphis.edu/gsa