

# Graduate Assistants United

## Member Meeting

Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

USF-Tampa

6:00 pm

## Agenda

### Updates/chair reports

1. Faculty Forward/SEIU info-Jamaica
  - a. Updates on organizing-organizing committee meeting is tomorrow at Bahama Breeze.
  - b. Confusion between SEIU and GAU efforts-gave Jamaica.
  - c. USF delaying for 2 months on ffu – now saying they need until October to determine if there will be an election.
2. Communications (Karena):
  - a. Updates on parental leave stuff-see survey results (emailed to Colleen).
  - b. Make sure all paper forms collected for membership have been processed and emails entered into appropriate mailing lists (for anyone who might have them) - instructions for this are in the GAU Cloud
    - i. Forms should *a/ways* be sent to HR, even if the student doesn't show up in the directory - HR will tell us if they're not a GA - 4 in the processing list currently that should be sent
3. Organizing (Liz and Bryan):
  - a. Should we order some new swag and what do we get? Who is going to take care of this?
  - b. Social dates and locations
  - c. Member meeting locations & dates
  - d. Making FB events (communicate with Karena)
  - e. Rectify newest UFF membership (in GAU cloud) with membership forms we've processed

- i. some seem to have not been processed by HR, or not updated in the membership processing list
      - ii. Check every 2 weeks, once list is sent from HR (coordinate with Colleen)
  - 4. Treasury (JB):
    - a. Tax exemption status update (voicemail, letter arriving soon)
    - b. Budget update
    - c. Reminder of paying for socials/getting approval for 8050 reimbursement - send a semester plan?
  - 5. Grievance (Adam):
    - a. Any other outstanding issues with insurance, tuition waivers, appointment, etc.?
    - b. Member emailed that they had switched departments for their GA job and their tuition waiver disappeared. Ruth is giving him the waiver – approach the student about possibly being a steward (Jorge Alves Do Nascimento Junior)
    - c. Reminder to Marcy and Erin to speak with Ruth B. about new tuition waiver structure on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - 6. Orientation - Everyone
    - A. It seems like all the membership forms have been turned in to Liz/Bryan. Touch base with them to make sure they have all been entered into the system.
    - B. Womens & gender studies department needs new steward. See steward head proposal under new business (Colleen).
- JB – follow up with mech engineering – maybe not too many GA's b/c unfunded master's program
- 7. Stewardship
    - a. Should we elect a head steward to cultivate and motivate department stewards?
    - b. If so, is someone willing to take over secretary position so Colleen may run for head steward?

### **New Business**

- 8. President stuff
  - d. Mental health resources and dissemination of that info to the unit (Erin)
    - i. Let's put together info on the mental health services offered for students at usf – what does health ins cover, what is free, etc. whats available in St.Pete
    - i. Make a survey thru psych department to better assess the mental health needs of the unit.
    - ii. Ask Tanya to head committee or find someone whose research it is relevant to that would be willing to take on this project. Point out the benefits to their career development/ cv

- e. UFF Senate meeting moved!!! (Marcy & Erin) - October 22-24
  - i. Has everyone registered?
  - ii. Who needs a proxy?
  - iii. Particular issues/motions to bring to bargaining council?
  - iv. Restructuring the voting system for UFF President and VP - will vote at Senate - can resend emails sent from Marshall/Jennifer Proffitt for background if needed
  - v. Reps for trainings (list cobbled together from emails from Marshall)
    - 1. Budget workshop -- Saturday
    - 2. Membership
    - 3. political/legislative
    - 4. leadership and mentorship (tentative)
- f. AGEL (Erin)
  - i. What is AGEL
  - ii. Need AGEL chair (Erin is doing it now and can keep being chair)
  - iii. Janus ruling prep
- 6. Outreach (who wants to do this?)
  - a. A. Start a list of campus groups that we want to interact with (Divestment, UndocuAlly, etc (not political party groups)
  - b. Also off-campus labor groups. (esp. fight for \$15, SEIU)
  - c. Ask Suzanne to make the list/ lead the outreach committee.
- 7. Communications (Karena)
  - a. Tuition deferment deadline now at 8 weeks (Oct 13th) - send reminder to entire unit 2 weeks before deadline