

Graduate Student Senate
Minutes for March 14, 2012
Law School Room 241

GSS President Todd Skelton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The minutes for the February meeting were approved. An attendance sign-in sheet was circulated.

- **GUEST SPEAKERS**

GSS Representatives heard from the FUEL Campaign, Revolt Campaign, and Sanford-Brewer GSS Campaign. Elections are March 28-29.

- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

-Voted for 2011-2012 GSS Outstanding Members. Congratulations to Amanda Sanford and Denae D'Arcy!

-GSS will create its own Facebook and Twitter accounts to connect with and provide relevant to information graduate students. The GSS website has also been updated this year.

- **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

GSS Vice President Will Gibbons provided a recap of the 2012 Love Your Libraries 5K. This year's event had 188 finishers, which is the most since 2002. Fundraising totals will be provided at our next meeting. Thanks to all volunteers and participants!

- **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

Communication & Outreach, Alexander Waters

A GSS event is being scheduled for April 12. More details to follow.

Equity & Diversity, Monique LeMieux

Provided information regarding the upcoming PEER Symposium.

Love Your Libraries 5K, Meagan Dennison

Travel Awards, Amanda Sanford

- **OLD BUSINESS**

-Denae D'Arcy and Todd Skelton discussed the proposal for a Graduate Student Leave Policy, including a presentation of research regarding leave policies in place at Top 25 institutions and consideration of UT-specific provisions. Additional research regarding costs of such leave policies will be conducted, and a more comprehensive proposal will be presented to GSS at a later date.

There was no new business, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Graduate Student Senate Meetings

Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in College of Law 241

Other Events

SGA Election Voting Days: Wednesday, March 28 – Thursday, March 29

PEER Symposium:

-PhD Comics screening – March 28, 7 p.m., AMB Auditorium

-Resource & Information Session – March 29, 11:00-12:45 p.m., Panhellenic Building Lobby