



GSS

Meeting

Agenda

Minutes

January 21, 2021

5:30 pm EST

<https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/95841242241>

Opening Remarks

- Attendance - 66 in attendance
- Minutes were introduced but not officially approved

President's Report

- Elections coming up in April
 - Those interested in running for the President or Vice President positions should reach out for more information
 - In March and April, those running for the positions will have a chance to address the GSS

Committee Updates

- Equity & Diversity - Ashley Browning
 - Have an upcoming meeting to work on fee waivers for university workers (working with Graduate Workers)
 - Mutual aid network for graduate students
 - Hope to add this to what is provided to the student emergency fund.
 - Want student input
- Graduate Student Well-Being
 - Received permission from Berkley to use their survey
 - Question from senator 27: Is there any information on vaccines?
 - Dr. Thompson said President Boyd is lobbying the state senator for more vaccines

- Recommends letters of support from on campus students
- Legislation & Steering - Kate Higgins
 - Working on changes from the November meeting
 - Article 4: Making more simple and stating how and why a committee should be made instead of listing the actual committee names
 - Moving real committee info to bylaws
 - Voting in Feb
- Programming & Events- Rachel Crosslin
 - Christmas Party debrief
 - had 6-8 people.
 - Need more event reminders
 - Secret Santa had 68 people
 - Spring events are being planned including GPSAW
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- Travel Awards- Austin Boyd
 - Travel awards are live (link on GSS website)
 - Can apply for more than one thing
 - Deadline is rolling this year
- Technology - Shahram
 - Senator's web pages are ready
 - CVs are available as well
 - Want input on what additional things should be added to the website

New Business and Open Floor

58 - Technology fee advisory board

Zoom pro for all students in Jan

New proctoring software in Jan (because people did not like old one)

Looking into Gmail for faculty and staff

73 - Women in STEM Advancing Research, Readiness, and Retention

2 events this semester

Feb 25 4:15pm (Painting with a Twist)

March TBD

Looking for officers

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting #58, 2nd #67

Next Meeting: February 17 at 5:30pm on zoom