

GSA Meetings 11/16/11

-Co-Chair Updates

- MAD Seminar will be offered as a class in the Fall of 2012, the informal seminar will not be offered in Spring 2012.
- Transparency Issues- Questions about 5th year funding and other transparency issues will be addressed when Dr. Irwin Morris meets with GSA in the Spring. He will also talk about comps.

-Field Reps:

- Social Chair- Weekly Football games are still ongoing, we will be participating in a Yankee Gift Swap in December, talk to Joe for more information.
- American: Workshops cancelled because of Chair Search. More SAPS are on the way.
- IR: Workshop on Monday 11/21/11
- Comparative: Workshop on 11/30 at 11am in Tydings 0139

Chair Search:

- Paul Herrnson: Dec. 2nd
- Dan Biggers (Grad Representative on the Search Committee) will be having a forum for graduate students where they can give their feedback on the chair candidates. This will be held on Friday Dec. 9th from 1-3pm in Tydings 1136. If you have questions talk to Dan for more information.
- We received an idea about soliciting questions from the grad students to the candidates in order to see if they would not dodge some of the question. This request has been discouraged by the search committee since it would be an added burden to the Chair candidates and since it was not a part of the original search process.

Tech Items for Student Fee Proposal

- We received numerous suggestions on what we could purchase with our technology fees. If you have any additional suggestions please speak with our Tech Liaison Candace Turitto.

Items for Student Fee Proposal

- Rosetta Stone software- for Comparative/IR Students
- New Optical Computer Mice (at least 5) in the Grad Lab
- Mouse Pads
- Foreign Language software, software is installed on only two computers
- Working Scanner

Workshops and other Events

- LaTex Workshop Nov. 28th has been cancelled. There was zero attendance to the first session.
- Jean Spencer Award Ceremony-Honoring Brittany Bramlett Dec. 7th 2pm Marie Mount Hall-Maryland Room
- GVPT Holiday Party Dec. 14th 1:30-3:30pm 1101 Morrill Hall

Holiday Gifts for Office Staff

-After the Thanksgiving Break we will begin collecting money to buy gifts for our main office staff (Ann Marie, Mike, Cissy, Denise, and AP). We would like every grad student, if you are able, to donate at least \$5 (if you can give more that would be greatly appreciate), we would like to give \$50 in gifts for each individual. You can also donate through PayPal.

Ideas for Next Semester

- Data Workshop
- Statistics on Excel Workshop
- Grant Writing Workshop
- Professional Development: For students on the market, current junior faculty could give advice to graduate students on the job market process.
- GIS/ R Training
- How to create a syllabus workshop