

## **GEA**

### Meeting Minutes

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

#### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the GEA was called to order at 1:30 on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the 23<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room by Shari Arnold.

#### **Present**

Shari Arnold

Ben Leake

Brittney Byrom

Carlye Schock

Jennifer Olive

#### **Agenda:**

1. Discuss Ex Post Facto logistics
2. Update on graduate student survey regarding GEA activities
3. Mentoring program update
4. GSA/GEA involvement

#### **Open Issues:**

1. Ex Post Facto
  - a. Brittney is at work securing a location for event within the budget constraints of \$250
  - b. Will check with Twain's, Manuel's, and Leon's
  - c. Ex Post Facto scheduled for Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm
2. Graduate Student Survey
  - a. Ben plans to send out a survey asking for graduate student feedback in regards to desired social events, student representation, future initiatives, professional development, and campus community development
  - b. Goal is to promote interdepartmental contact/collaboration
3. Mentoring Program Update
  - a. The feedback from the Faculty Executive Board was positive. Shari will clarify a few points per Executive Board recommendations in the original proposal and the GEA will discuss how to move forward in July

## **New Business**

1. GSA Involvement
  - a. Jennifer reported on positive interactions between the GEA and the GSA, and suggested future GEA representation at GSA meetings
  - b. Jennifer will attend the next GSA meeting on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. GEA members are encouraged to attend.
  - c. Will find out more information from GSA about parental leave, disability, and psychological distress provisions for graduate students.
2. Mental Health/General Wellness Initiative
  - a. Discussed the possibility of planning something for the fall semester. Tabled until July.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 by Shari Arnold. The next meeting will be in July.

Minutes submitted by:           Carlye Schock