

Action Items:

Everyone: Send questions for annual GLC survey to Meghan or Kate; Edit meeting scheduling calendar on Google Docs (block out times that don't work for you); Email Megan by July 9th if you want to volunteer for the next TGS Night Out (July 17, 7-10pm)

Laura: Set up new scheduling calendar for Meeting Times

Becky: Listsev mid July - include the movie @ Norris social event (August 1, 2007 at 9pm); Help out at movie night

Matt: Update/modify GSA website; Help out at movie night; Contact TGS about linking to nugsa.com

Ruth: Decide whether to establish relationship with The Cradle

GSA Officer's Retreat - July 2, 2007

1.) Projects

We reviewed who's working on which project (although anyone is welcome to help out on any project):

Advocacy Issues

- Health insurance (Kate & Megan)
- Childcare/ Support services for students with children (Kate)
- Graduate student rights (Laura & Harold)
- Faculty awareness of university policies i.e. final projects must be due before exams begin (Ruth)
- Housing (Harold)
- Funding
- Graduate student lounge
- Foreign Language Acquisition Protocol (Jenn?)
- More travel money (Townhall meeting said it's coming...)
- Server space for grad students/email addresses should continue indefinitely
- Position specific goals (i.e. target number of event, for the social, community service, and treasurer, etc.)

Service Projects - Ruth asked whether it would be worthwhile establishing a relationship to help at The Cradle (adoption/orphanage agency)? Students would help staff their fundraiser events. (There was general approval, but the final decision was left to Ruth).

2.) Questions for GLC Survey (need by July 24th GLC Meeting; goes out during the fall ~30 ?s)

Current Questions:

Health Insurance Questions:

1. Do you have the Northwestern health insurance?
2. If you were on the basic plan last year did you ever fail to seek care or fail to follow-up on care due to the cost (deductible)? *Do you feel hesitant to obtain medical care due to the \$1000 deductible?* If yes, please describe the situation in the comment box at the end of the survey.
3. What is the most important consideration when selecting health insurance (*order 1-5*)? Premium, deductible, Copay, Mental Health Coverage, Other.

Childcare Questions:

1. How many children do you have?
2. Assuming Northwestern was going to spend \$500 (*caution with adding a value*) to help with your childcare needs, which of these would be most useful? A program to help find reliable childcare, A direct subsidy/grant to reimburse childcare costs, Emergency care available for sick children/snow days/canceled sitters, Other. Please include additional comments or suggestions about childcare in the comments box at the end of the survey.

Housing Questions:

1. What would be the most useful housing program that Northwestern could implement? Roommate finder, Landlord reviews, Neighborhood reports, sublet help, other.

New Questions:

Ombudsperson, Student Rights

Childcare question for people without kids - do you support Northwestern's attempts

3.) Website Evaluation

- It was clarified that the target audience for the website is current graduate student.
- Need to post the constitution and newsletters
- Have advocacy issues and accurate email information about who people can contact
- Intro to the GSA (summary of events with 1-2 pictures)
- Upcoming Events (update blurb at the top of the page ~once a month, have Google Calendar)
- Remove right red panel (no patchwork effect)
 - Use a muted Northwestern purple
 - New logo (changed to purple) (credit for logo on website)
 - Space links on left

- Remove "[How Ashi Does His Taxes](#)" and other money tips - only include links to official IRS and NU website pages
- Remove Ashi as a contact person
- New password
- Remove Sargeant at Arms list?
- Matt contact TGS about linking to nugsa.com

4.) Budget

- Most of money spent on pizza as we're limited to the events we can hold primarily by our budget...
- We usually get ~\$2500 (in December)
- Our balance is at \$747.62 right now and we anticipate an additional \$400 from Health Care forum reimbursement
- We submitted a community building grant for the department reps/communication (we don't know when we'll hear about it - 22 were submitted, 8 will be accepted)
- We determined that maximum \$150 should be spent on the summer social event (August 1, 2007 at 9pm - movie night at Norris)
- Becky and Matt volunteered to help out. (Jenn will be back for the actual event, but will need help arranging/planning as she is currently out of state)

5.) New Logo Options!

Email Megan or Laura if you want to see them.

6.) GSA Quarterly Newsletter

We decided to send it out ~October 1, 2007. Becky is in charge of it, any events/announcements should be sent to her. (We should have a social event, service event and financial seminar planned for the fall.)

7.) Meeting Time

- Laura's relocation to the downtown campus makes it difficult to make 9am meetings. It was suggested that we move meetings to an evening. Laura will set up new scheduling calendar.

8.) Miscellaneous

- Next listserv - mid July (include the movie @ Norris social event)

9 .) TGS Night Out

- what do we think about spending that much \$ on a few hundred people
- ineffective at community building, it's just a break with your friends/lab...
- why can't we do it on campus and open it up to everyone?
- people who are there think it's great, but people who don't get to go are the bitter ones
- Next evening out is July 17th, 7-10pm at Seven Ten Lounge, 2747 N Lincoln Ave (email Megan by July 9th if you want to volunteer for the evening)