GAIA Weekly Meeting Minutes

**Date: Wednesday November 27th.**

**Location: SMD 037**

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|  | **Attendance (Y/N )** |
| President: Nicole Moffett | Y |
| VP Uni Affairs: Emma Jia | N |
| VP Finance: Amy Huang | Y |
| VP Communication Franco: Leo Ayotte | Y |
| VP Communication Anglo: Rosalind Ragetlie | Y |
| VP Social Affair Franco: Felix Mercure | Y |
| VP Social Affairs Anglo: Levi Gautreau | Y |
| Secretary: Rebecca T.Doherty | Y |

1. Computer
   * Nicole: They came to my office hours last week – use your same info as for library logon. Ros can you test this today?
   * Ros: Yes
2. Nicole: Green Week
   * Meeting with Sustainability on Thurs to discuss the Green Economies speaker event
     1. They want us to help with promo and potentially find a speaker
     2. Considering panel, debate, or keynote speaker format - they don’t know what they want yet.
        1. I’m meeting with them Thursday to confirm some thing.
        2. ROs: It sounds good, but how would we find a speaker
        3. Nicole: We would just think of professors, or people from the community. Is anyone not ok with participating in this? All we have to do is promo and find one speaker (potentially)
        4. Levi: when is this week?
        5. Nicole: starts on the 13th of Jan goes until the 24th. Green economies talk is wed 22nd. Close to the museum event…
        6. Amy: are we pairing with linguistics for the museum night? Someone approached me about this…
        7. Nicole: I’ll put that down we can talk about it next week. I need feedback now – promotion, and maybe finding a speaker. Its going to happen without our assistance regardless
        8. Levi: I’m scared this will turn into, us saying we can help, and then they ask us to pay for things
        9. Nicole: It doesn’t sound like that will happen, they already have a ton of money, but I will clarify that.
        10. Ros: my concern is just that, I have no contribution in terms of thinking of finding a speaker.
        11. Nicole: would it be best if we just say we want to help, but we have a super busy month and that we can help with promotion, and give them options for a speaker but that is it.
        12. Everyone agreed this was a good compromise.
        13. Nicole: Ok if this is what we decide, for next meeting, everyone bring a couple options for a guest speaker that we could give to them.
        14. Felix: whats the goal for the week? Any specific context:
        15. Nicole: As long as it touches on green economies in some way that is fine.
        16. Felix: Ros we could ask renate –
        17. Ros: Ya she would be good.
        18. Nicole: Ok everyone come with options for next week.
3. GIS Day Debrief
   * Nicole: It was good, better turnout than last year
   * Felix: it was too bad people were kind of sitting in clicks – too bad we couldn’t set up the tables ourselves.
   * Nicole: For sure. Just hard because its too expensive to book a whole section, so we cant set up the tables ourselves. For food, I think we had the perfect amount
     1. Morning sessions: I think we reached an area we don’t normal get, great amount of people
     2. Afternoon sessions:
        1. Becca: It should be earlier next year, for it to be more beneficial
        2. Nicole: The grad students agree, it should happen earlier, before GIS day.
     3. Nicole: Anything we think we should improve on next year?
        1. Levi: changing locations from 1848 would be good. I don’t have a solution now… but even from the sessions , the mingle effect would be better if we had a different space. Maybe even café alt.
        2. Nicole: Its hard for Café alt because you have to get liquor licence, simplicity of 1848 is a pull factor. Royal oak basement would be a good idea too for next time.
        3. Levi: Maybe next year combining meet and greet pizza night with intro to grad studies workshop earlier in the year.
        4. Nicole: Anything you guys want me to bring up with wes for GIS day in the future? I’m going to bring the invoice to that meeting to discuss with him, then I’ll give the food invoice to you amy. Total came to about 4448.53$. As far as attendance goes, we had about 57 people show up. Anyone have any other comments on GIS day?
        5. No.
4. Conflict Studies speaking event partnership
   * Nicole: Emma’s not here, but conflict studies were looking to do an interfaculty panel-speaking thing. She sent me an email saying they don’t have a date and are flexible but were thinking early march. Their topic is the impacts of violent conflict on the environment. She doesn’t think it would be too much work for us to contribute. But we never budgeted financially for that so, not sure. But she said ideally we would just find a speaker and help them promote it. I think it would be a good opportunity for us.
   * She hasn’t heard back from PIDSSAA’s offer yet, so maybe we take conflict studies offer up. What do people think?
   * Leo: So, it’s the impacts of wars on environment?
   * Nicole: Ya, so is there someone we even know of that could?
   * Becca: Louisa Verona’s, could be an option.
   * Nicole: So do we want to join up, or tell them to look for someone else?
   * Felix: do we have more info on what the event is?
   * Nicole: Emma told me they do things like this often… and they are flexible on times… they’re also flexible on the type of event. They want to draw students from both faculties to talk about this important topic. Vote:
   * For 5, abstain 1
   * Everyone look at calendars and come up with ideas for dates.
   * Felix: I think that we are pairing up, and being asked with a lot of events. And I don’t think we are focusing enough on apparel, on our own obligations. Our apparel should be out already, and we’re spreading ourselves too thin. We have ideas for events for the winter, like night skiing. And I think before we put effort into combining with others, we should focus on our things.
   * Nicole: Ok then can you guys come out with a calendar for the events you want to do?
   * Levi: I thought we did
   * Felix: no we don’t have exact dates for everything. I think its great to pair up, but I feel like our events are getting the back seat.
   * Nicole: Agreed, I think that’s a bad thing. Ok for next week, lets have a schedule of proposed events, so we can chose better where to put our efforts.
   * Leo: What do we have left for this semester?
   * Nicole: Pub night, and movie night.
5. Nicole: President updates
   * 1. We have final BOD this weekend, just so you guys know that is happening.
     2. Leo: did you see Nicole the note from Chantal? She took notes at faculty meeting and sent them to us.
     3. Nicole: I’ll check those out. So leo are you looking for someone for next semester
     4. Leo: yes.
     5. I have a PRT on Friday. I got an email from Sarah Simpkin from GSG lab, saying she looked us up and found our website, and was saying that she wanted more info on how to find out about our events and help promote them.
     6. Felix: can we put posters up in there?
     7. Nicole: I will check, that would be a good place to promo.
     8. I also got an email from Adam about the senate reform bill, he is the senate rep for arts to spread the word that sun dec.1st at 1pm in sentate room there will be a meeting at proposing an sfuo reform.
     9. Leo: do you have more info
     10. Nicole: I can forward it to you.
     11. Nicole: Next week, we still have a meeting, and lets discuss if we should have one on Wednesday the 11th. I don’t think it’s necessary, but what do you think…
     12. Felix: I don’t think we should have one
     13. Nicole: Ok next week the 4th, is our last meeting o the semester
     14. Nicole: Thank you levi for cleaning the office. Lets pick a date for winter cleaning.
     15. Amy: I’m back on the 27th, so if anyone wants to start then.
     16. Nicole: I was thinking of picking like a night at the beginning of next semester. I’m suggesting Thursday January 9th. Evening is better. Tentatively plan for that. We’re going to need cleaning supplies, so bring what you can
6. Secretary update - Becca: Nothing
7. VP Uni Affairs update
   * Emma not present
8. VP Communications update
   * Ros: I’d like to decide on everything today. So, we had originally decided on the grey, then that cool green, which they don’t have. So I think we should go with the grey. Forest green writing would be best.
   * Felix: I’m worried we get it and the color doesn’t work. If we get ours, and don’t like it, can we make changes for the other ones.
   * Nicole: I’m sure that’s fine.
   * Then for the bandoos, we can choose a color. I’ll check if the logo will be filled in or white. Blue is what we have it as now. Ill tell him yes for this, and check that the white fill will be gone.
   * Next thing is plaid shirts – do we want them even with the price? The final price would be 40$ with the embroidery.
   * Nicole: DO we think we could sell 24 of them?
   * Felix: I think we have to drop the plaid
   * Becca: Agreed
   * Leo: how is it going to work for buying? Will people need to pre-order, or do we buy bulk?
   * Nicole: no they can pre order. We have to make the first exec order, and the samples… so people can come in and see then order. Ordering for students wont be until January. Ros will put on pressure to get this stuff done for eht beginning of January.
   * Leo: can we think about using someone else next time?
   * Nicole: 3 years ago we used someone else who was really bad, this is a step better. For sure not perfect, but it’s a good option for now. For sure its possible to look for something better for next year. As far as the plaid goes…. Lets skip that for this year.
   * ROs: Ok I’ll order our exec sweaters and bandoos. No plaid. Then we will go from there.
   * GEOLYMPIADE: Leo: We’re having a meeting tomorrow, we’re 13. People will share ideas, we have a lot of things to do for it, so it’s looking good. So I think people are pretty excited about that
   * Nicole: what are we thinking about transportation….
   * Leo: Not enough people for the bus…
   * Nicole: mabe rent something? Get quotes for car rentals or greyhound, also see how many people have cars, just carshare? Get info for next week on this…
   * Ros: Pub night is on Friday, maybe lets send out an e-mail about 12 days of Christmas. Also start promotion for this, plus finding details. Is it too late to send out an email for pub night?
   * Nicole: No we could for sure send an e-mail
   * ROs: ok ill include pub social, and 12 days on that e-mail
9. VP Social update
   * Levi: I will call them to get the Invoice from Gat trip buses
     1. Nicole: what’s the plan for 12 days – movie ?
     2. Felix: what about elf, Grinch, Christmas story, Grinch original, love actually, Christmas vacation , home alone .
     3. Vote, everyone gets three votes.
        1. **Christmas story: 4**
        2. **Grinch cartoon: 6 [amy has it]**
        3. Grinch real: 1
        4. Elf: 2
        5. Love actually:
        6. **Christmas vaca: 6 [becca has it]**
        7. Home alone: 3
     4. Nicole: Ok, socials, look after setting all that together. Café alt is already booked. Can you guys work out a schedule for this
     5. Felix: do we have a budget for this? Amy?
     6. Amy: we didn’t put anything aside I don’t think, but I can put something together.
     7. Nicole: I said starting at 5, is that ok?
     8. Yes
     9. Nicole: lets have a collection donation/toy mountain thing. Not required, but suggested. We could even have a bake sale approach. Lets advertise it as pay as you can for popcorn and everything too. Levi and Felix, have a schedule, and idea for food and stuff all together for next week please. Or by Saturday have it together so comms can promote accordingly.
     10. Felix: lets just say now. Grinch, Christmas story, then Christmas vaca .
     11. Levi: should we decorate?
     12. Nicole: we could probably throw some together. Also once you figure out food stuff, think about supplies we need too.
     13. Felix: what other kinds of snacks do we want?
     14. Amy: maybe candy canes…
     15. Nicole: I’ll make some cookies
     16. Levi: Exec bonding idea, lets make gingerbread houses during the day.
     17. Everyone agrees - 2 teams of 4. Becca will get the houses and the candy. Amy has the icing. @ Nicole’s house. It would be cool also do do a secret santa. 10$ Limit.
     18. Nicole: Pub night – Friday – Safa has thought to have a pre thing at 1848 at for our GeoBash. SO they’re doing a pre instead of their event, to join us later. Lets keeo ours at emma’s, but really be on time leaving by 9:30. Advertise meeting @ Shameless at ten. There will be a pre- in sandy hill (emma can inform address), and that the group of us will be leaving sandy hill at 9:30 for anyone who doesn’t want to pre, can just meet us and walk with us as well.
10. VP Finance update
    * Nicole: I’ll get the amount for chris and let Nicole know
    * Amy: I’m meeting with Sean on Friday to go over the audit, which I failed. It was because of our income and our expenses, we had a deficit. So I am proposing re-evaluating our budget, and thinking about numbers again. I’m going over it with Sean and see what his suggestions are, then we can go over that at our meeting next week.
      1. Another thing is petty cash. I didn’t include it in the audit, because I have no idea where it came from. Nicole and I discussed it, and I am suggesting we keep a chart on the computer to keep track of how we are using it. I’ll make it, and have it ready for Friday. We can re-evaluate later if this doesn’t work.
      2. Nicole: someone has to get 5$ from jesse too.
      3. Levi: I’ll take care of that.
    * Amy: and I’ll write cheques for Becca, for 1848. Anyone else? Aside from the one for chris.
    * No.
11. Questions/uncertainties/etc

Nothing.