Attendees:

Giresse Pembele
Tamon George
Tamanna Jahan
Trinitas Nsabimana
Eddie Lawton
Dante Morton
Valerie Munroe
Anita Johnson

Question from Valerie: What is the goal of the GSGA?

1. To represent the students and represent them to find solutions

2. To try to create a personal and professional development while we are students, to infuse community service, events and anything we can organize

3. To have the best experience you can as a graduate student and build a bond and to have a voice within in the administration and to have transparency

2013-2014 Activities Calendar

Friday, September 12, 2013: 8th annual back to school BBQ

A) we may try to get a table on the plaza and ask the USGA if they need assistance

Friday, September 27, 2013: Welcome Back social

A) We may try to have it at 8pm-10pm we can possible change the date and use the conference room in the business school on the 2nd floor

B) We can save the restaurant idea for the end of the semester and just have something on campus so that everyone is included

C) We may change the date and keep it here on campus on the 2nd floor and possibly have it on a Wednesday or Friday between 5:30-7:00 pm the staff cleans up after the event so we will not have to clean up after we finish. They organize the tables and everything.
But we will also have garbage receptacles in place so that everyone can clean up behind themselves.

D) Possible date: THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2013 5:30-7:00PM in the graduate student lounge

We will make the flyers and go around to each class and let other graduate students know (Taman may look into the graphics of a flyer design and Giresse will try to contact (Timothy in the MPA program to see if he can assist with the graphics of a flyer)

**Speaker Series**

1. We are planning to have a speaker every month. The 1st Tuesday of the month is tentative. One example would be Harry Valeskeis. He may be the first speaker he has his PhD and is in medical studies. He is knowledgeable on personal brandings, how to start it now so that when you graduate you will already know how to brand yourself for potential employers.

Some areas of interest:

1. International development
2. Traveling
3. market takeovers
4. Global economy

We will try to getting a USGAA website on board on the university website – Giresse will try to possibly get in contact with Timothy in the MPA program to see if he can assist since he has an IT background

As this time we do not know the cost of the speaker series. It may cost about $200.00, this includes refreshments and pizza we are trying to get free speakers ... Our cap is $1000.00.

Tamon will look into reaching out to other graduate students in other graduate programs to see if we can collaborate. We can go to those classes and speak with those students.

We can contact the IT office and send out email blast for the flyers for events. We can do a presentation in front of each class and let them know about upcoming events
IMA Leadership Conference

March 14-18, 2014
The Mayflower Renaissance
Washington, DC

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Institute of Management & Accountant’s

Nov 14-15, 2013
The Westin Charlotte, Charlotte, NC

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Giresse contacted the Accounting graduates and they do not have any available funds so they will not be able to attend the conferences.

We have the funds to go to the conference in North Carolina. Our budget will cover the expenses.

A staff member would have to go with us.

**The Selection Process**

How many people can go?

How should we establish the selection processes?

- a) First come first serve
- b) Find out who is interested
- c) Deadline for applying first people who applies for it
- d) We want to send out the best students who will represent the university to the best ability
- e) Essay/ writing sample of students who are interested in going
- f) Should people on the board have 1st preference to go
- g) Is there biases if the board gets to go first (Giresse suggest that we break it down fairly...2 board members and possibly 2 non board students)
- h) The amount of students depends on the funding if we can successfully transform the funding
- i) Trinitas will research some local conferences where students would possibly have the opportunity to present their research work.

**Budget**

As of now our budget for graduate students:

- 20% stays with orientation
- 30% GSGA
- 40% clubs

Giresse will try to change the GSGA budget. Other clubs have their own budget we have about $3500 in funds, but Giresse wants to make it at least $5500. If we have to create clubs to get more funding we will have to go through GSGA.

**NEW IDEAS:**

1. Fundraising
2. Collaborating with other organizations
3. Look into American Society for Public Administration, Conference
4. Linking with the Alumni Network, re-engage its members
5. Check potential student membership for networking opportunities (ex. National association of black MBA’s)
6. Work to change the UDC policies and procedures and work with local event and local societies to brand and advertise GSGA

**To be discussed at next meeting:**

Halloween Social
Possible Google group
Eddie and Giresse will try to change around the budget

**Committees**
Finance Program
Legislative – laws- we need to create our own election guidelines
Programs-

**Next Meeting Date:**
(Follow Up) Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 5:45pm-6:45pm
Bldg. 38 Suite A-22

All GSGA meetings will occur the 1st Monday of the Month 5:45pm-6:45pm
Bldg. 38 Suite A-22

(All meeting minutes transcribed by Anita M. Johnson – As with anything I inscribe, I accept full responsibility for any of the manuscripts shortcomings)