

SSSP Graduate Student Meeting, Las Vegas, August 19, 201

Minutes:

1) Welcome and Introductions

- Mandy introductions of graduate students, 13 graduate students present, aside from three board members. Sign-up sheet passed around.

2) Agenda unanimously approved by those present and the board.

3) Discussion of SSSP Resolutions, expressions of gratitude, labor rights in the public sector, and sex work resolutions.

- This opened up space for discussion around the many initiatives that SSSP is involved in, spearheads in and around local, extralcoal, and translocal communities.
- Discussion encouraging graduate student involvement through resolutions.

4) Discussion of year in review:

- From last year's meeting, how can we get graduate students more involved? Graduate student happy hour. Established a ListServe, updated quarterly to foster graduate student involvement.
- Open discussion about social networking and contact among SSSP graduate students.

Ideas:

1. Conference FAQ: What to expect from a SSSP conference.

2. Graduate student directory to contact and network with graduate students.

3. Advice column for SSSP graduate students

5) Institutional Memory:

- Lack of institutional memory, what has happened in the past? What has been successful, unsuccessful for SSSP networking? Need to keep better records of issues presented, actions taken, and important discussions.

6) Budget and finances:

- Currently, graduate student SSSP fees grant them three free divisional memberships. To reduce the deficit, SSSP is/has proposing/passing a motion that the three free divisional be reduced to two, and a fee of \$10 be charged. Faculty will then receive one free divisional membership and additional memberships could be added for \$10 each.
- Discussion following this included concerns regarding the reduction of division membership and the plan for the extra money was vague.
- A request was brought forward that some of the money (should additional divisional memberships be purchased) be put toward student travel fund.
- Do we have any idea about how many sections we are joining?
- Many divisions have large membership, but few active members.
- We need more clarification on where the money raised by divisional fees will be going.

7) Meeting was well attended in comparison to previous years. Good discussion was engaged in and there was a great deal of interest expressed in becoming more active agents within SSSP.

8) Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

It has been our sincere pleasure to serve SSSP and its student body.

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