

All-GSA Meeting September 12th, 2018

KATIE SAGARIN

(President)

Went over Agenda

Travel awards: to clarify communication regarding \$\$ received for award

It's a \$500 reimbursement for conference-related with 2 requirements: 1) presenting a poster or talk at the conference, 2) attended THIS all GSA meeting. The fall semester award covers July 1st 2018 to December 31st 2018, the spring semester award covers January 1st 2019 to June 30th 2019. More details at <http://gsa.blogs.wesleyan.edu/travel-award-application/>

This Friday is the first GSA game night:

- Bring board games, there will be board games and snacks maybe pizza
- Every other week
- 7-10PM

There will be another Happy Hour soon

BARDIA HEJAZI

(Treasurer)

The GSA has money for events, apply for funding to be reimbursed for any event which is open to all graduate students. More details at <http://gsa.blogs.wesleyan.edu/funding-requests/>

ANDRE OLIVEIRA

(Webmaster)

Showing us website (gsa.blogs.wesleyan.edu) and how to find the applications and other forms

JAKE ARONOWITZ AND ZONIA MENENDEZ

(Housing committee)

Parking has 3 options officially: 15\$ to register which is required for those living on campus with a vehicle, and gives options for parking during snow bans and some lots during working hours, \$65 for all lots overnight during the semester, options for parking during snow bans, and free use of lots in the summer. More details at

<https://www.wesleyan.edu/publicsafety/vehicles/Grad%20Student%20Map%20and%20Parking%20Regulations.html>

ANGELIKA RAFALOWSKI

(Benefits committee)

\$45 monthly fee for a payment plan is normal, its due to a 3rd party financing company
We have full coverage all year round

CHERYL HAGNER

54 total new graduate students: 23 BA/MA, 10 FLTA, and the rest are PhDs

Career Services

- During breaks they'll support the grad community
- 2 appts available for grad students per week for the rest of the semester
- software tool available called handshake
- 4 workshops: 2 in the fall and 2 in the spring: for networking making a CV

Writing Services

- ESL writing instructor, Elizabeth Hepford
- She'll be running writing workshops
- GSA will also hold their writing workshop

Wordpress profile via portal demonstrated using Brandon's profile

Neal Sardana

- Skills based workshop on how to have a difficult conversation with someone of authority
- GOAL: Shift the culture of the graduate world to changes that level of stress here at Wesleyan by showing grad students that they are empowered

Graduation information

- New graduation requirements put on the website
- In the past they needed to correct their thesis in 2 days and exit by a certain day in May
- Now, we have the option for signing up for a 3 week period for exit interviews.
- April 15-May 9th