GSAB Meeting: 9-29-09

Homecoming:

October 17th! We will have hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers, vegetable platter, chips and water. Feel free to bring anything that you would like to add! Please keep in mind that there is no power to keep things warm.

You are also welcome to bring alcohol. There will be some people who are donating beer, so if you would like to drink…please help out!

Graduate website:

We are working on the webpage for graduate students and need people to volunteer for the committee. The goal is to improve the website and keep it updated with events, videos, and more! Please email us if you would like to join.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Up till dawn

November 13th- The school is hosting a casino themed night for the St. Jude’s Hospital’s Up till dawn to raise money for cancer treatment and research. We can either send emails or letters to our friends and family requesting money to be donated. All donations will go directly to St. Jude’s.

Ashley Miller is the captain of the graduate team. Please email her at am2377@ship.edu for more information. She will also be sending out more information as the day gets closer.

T-shirts!

We are holding a t-shirt design contest for the GSAB. We would like to have something to advertise to the campus and wear when we are doing group events. Please submit the designs to shipgsab@gmail.com by 10-6-09!

Graduate Symposium:

This is an opportunity to present your research to peers and professors! It is on April 30 2010 and Shippensburg is the host school!

Please come to the meeting on 10-6-09 from 2p-3p (OM309) if you would like to help plan. We will be discussing catering, recruiting potential employers, and having a social that evening in Harrisburg.
Committee Updates:

The first was from the University Forum Committee. Their library pilot was extended until the spring and the Cub reconstruction will begin in either March or April of 2010. They also would like to hold a public speaking section during their meetings to generate feedback from others. They noted that middle states decided Shippensburg University has a weakness of finding and keeping both staff and students of different races.

Grad Council focused on grad school strategic planning. They want to have each graduate program develop a plan to recognize threats and opportunities. They also would like to have more definition between graduate and undergraduate students. The chancellor of PASSHE is focused on graduate studies and is looking at the best way to utilize them (i.e. combining programs with other schools). A third goal is to find a way to maintain contact with Graduate Alumni, Mike Killion has developed the facebook group for both past and present Master’s degree students. Lastly, there will be a graduate lounge when the CUB expansion is completed. It will be shared with nontraditional students and will have a card access, mini kitchenette, and computer bank.

GLBT Committee is going to a conference this weekend in Bloomsburg. They will be revising the safe zone stickers and making them all the same. In addition, they will be holding workshops that both students and faculty can attend. On October 23rd, there will be an author coming to Shippensburg to discuss her experience with being a homosexual female and professional.

Web content committee still has the survey out so that you can provide feedback for the new website on the homepage. The whole website should be over to the new format by the end of the semester.