Meeting 3/7/2014

**Dates to Remember:**
- March 21\textsuperscript{st}, Deadline to submit Award Nominations
- April 10\textsuperscript{th} 2:10 pm, Comps Panel Session
- April 24\textsuperscript{th} 3-6 pm (2 pm for GSA board), End of the Year Event at the Cove
- April 28\textsuperscript{th}, Research Collaboration Event

**Awards:** Outstanding Masters and Doc students
- To send out before spring break to all students and faculty
- Deadline: March 21\textsuperscript{st}
- Decisions made by second week in April

**Fundraising:**
- Newsletter coming out next week asking for donations
- *T-shirt* orders are moving forward $20/shirt
  - Be looking for final email/notification before spring break
  - Online ordering via PayPal
- Big Orange Family deadline March 14\textsuperscript{th}
  - Send to faculty and staff and have them direct $$ to GSA

**Outreach:**
- Looking for volunteer opportunities in the community
  - If you know of any, please contact Josie Wilson

**Social:**
- End of the Year Event at the Cove (Concord Park, Knoxville)
  - Pot luck & grilling
  - Thursday, April 24\textsuperscript{th} 3-6 pm (if bad weather, there will be a secondary option)
  - Bring kids, dogs, games, etc.
  - Officers please show up at 2 pm for a brief meeting

**GSA Elections:**
- Having elections at the end of the spring semester
  - Allows for collaboration and learning over the summer months
  - Take place at end of the year event (BBQ)

**Website:**
- Need help with Resources & Personal Q&As portion of website
- Send personal experiences to Synthia re: topics that may be helpful for new students
- Google docs with contact info – look for email
Housekeeping Notes:

- Research Collaboration “Speed dating”
  o Sit and meet with other scholars to discuss research interests in order to increase collaboration
  o April 28th

- Comps Panel session: (VPs to organize participation)
  o For doc students (masters can attend to prepare for possible PhD)
  o Panel discussion with students and faculty (1 student & 1 faculty member from each department)
  o April 10th 2:10 pm in Scripps Lab

- Defining GSA-board roles:
  o Need a clear description of each position
  o VPs - representatives of each department; major planners of panels, hosting, conferences, etc.; all students in department should contact VP of respective department
  o Treasurer + fundraiser are one position
  o Outreach: need to be more concrete in expectations
    ▪ More for community involvement
    ▪ Can work to bridge the gap with faculty and prospective members (undergrads)
    ▪ Assist with Open House during the Fall Semester