GSA Notes 1/10/2014 - First meeting of the semester

Social: “Don’t worry about the numbers”. If you can’t come, don’t worry!

Thursday Jan 16 @ 6:30 pm – Soccer Taco (Bearden) Family Friendly
Friday Jan 31 @ 6:30 pm – Cairo Café: The Mirage of Knoxville (Downtown)
Wednesday Feb 12 @ 6:30 pm – Wine Night at Oodles Uncorked (Market Square) Family Friendly
Thursday Feb 27 @ 6:30 pm – Central Flats and Taps (Happy Holler) Family Friendly

Thursday March 13 @ 6:30 pm – King Tut’s Grill (South Knoxville)
Thursday March 27 @ 6:30 pm – Archer’s BBQ (Bearden) Family Friendly
Wednesday April 9 @ 5:30 pm – Wine Night at Sunspot (The Strip)
Sunday April 27 @ 2:00 pm – End of the Year bash at the Cove

*Volleyball Tournament for Comm. Studies undergraduate club: sometime in April

VPS: Events
~ Before Spring Break: Comps Prep - panel of students who have taken comps and professors who can advise on how to prep for comps.

~ April: “Where Do I Go From Here?” - for masters and doc students. Advising students what they need to be doing in order to prepare for the future.

Academic Track vs. Industry Track for Masters and Doc students
- get head count
- arrange for separate times so individuals can attend both

Awards:
Form committee to pick students. Needs to be diverse group so no bias in who is receiving rewards.
- draft call for nominations (Scott)
- date for award ceremony (Spring or Fall)
  o need to be spring for students that are graduating

Treasurer/Fundraising: We need money 😊.
Three-month period to ask students & faculty to give. Create a form that asks how they want to give and how much – then meet with individual to discuss the best way to give. Need to have a “Thank You” for those that give.

“Swag” – attire to support the department as a whole. Something a bit nicer to wear to conferences. How much would students be willing to spend on branded clothing? Bumper stickers, decals, water bottles, etc.

Website is up and almost ready to launch! Thank you Synthia!

Newsletter: February 10th
- Stories by Jan 27th by 5 pm – give contact info to Synthia for pictures.
- Copy editing Jan 27th – Feb 3rd
- Release on Feb 10th