

Graduate Student Association (GSA) Meeting Minutes
December 7th, 2017
Biomedical Sciences Building (BMSB-room# 324)

I. Call to Order/Welcome

- ❖ **President-** Rabab (Ruby) Sharif-Present
- ❖ **Vice President/ Secretary-** Dawn Bender-Absent
- ❖ **Social Chair-** Hailey Houson-Present
- ❖ **GREAT Chair/Treasurer-** Kimberley McCullor-Present
- ❖ **GREAT Vice Chair/Keynote Speaker-** Sarah Bland-Present
- ❖ **GREAT Career Development Chair-** Benjamin Fremphah-Present
- ❖ **GREAT Workshop Chair-** Jaanam Gopalakrishnan-Absent

II. Approval of November Minutes –motioned: Sarah Bland, second: Kim McCullor-
Approved

III. Reports

- i. Senate-Sarah Bland-Contacted department of operations regarding green recycling around campus, waiting for response.
Heathy union-recipe card every Tuesday 11:45-1pm
- ii. COMGSA- Sarah Bland-Nothing to report.

IV. Old Business

- **Oklahoma Regional Food Bank:** Saturday, 11.11.2017, 1:30-4pm-Student volunteered - Success
- **City Rescue mission (CRM):** Sunday, 11.19.2017, 4:30-6pm-Student volunteered and enjoyed giving back to community
- **Chipotle Fundraiser event:** Thursday, 11.2.2017, 5-9pm- GSA raised \$98.53
- **GSA Fall social:** Thanksgiving potluck, Thursday, 11.16.2016, 5-7pm-Great food and company

V. New Business

- i. **GREAT Symposium updates :** Kimberly McCullor
- ii. **GREAT Vice Chair/Keynote Speaker:** Sarah Bland
- iii. **Pre-GREAT workshop nominations :** Jaanam Gopalakrishnan
- iv. **GREAT workshop speaker nominations :** Benjamin Fremphah

Waiting for response from keynote
Pre-GREAT workshops January 12th – March 19th 2018

VI. **2017 Mid-Year Student Survey:** chance to win 75\$ Amazon gift card, students were encouraged to complete online survey

VII. **Association for Woman in Science-OK (AWIS):**

What: Social at a board game cafe

When: Thursday, Dec 7th, 7-9 pm

Where: Loot & XP, 2228 W Main St, Norman, OK, 73069

VIII. **Ongoing Community Service:**

- ❖ **OU Children's adopt –A-Patient (Winter wishes):** GSA has been assigned:
Students signed up for all available donation spots

(2) Adult – female

(2) Adult – male

(1) Infant – male

(1) Child (preschool) – female

(1) Teen – female

(1) Teen – male

(1) Child (elementary) – female

(1) Child (elementary) – male

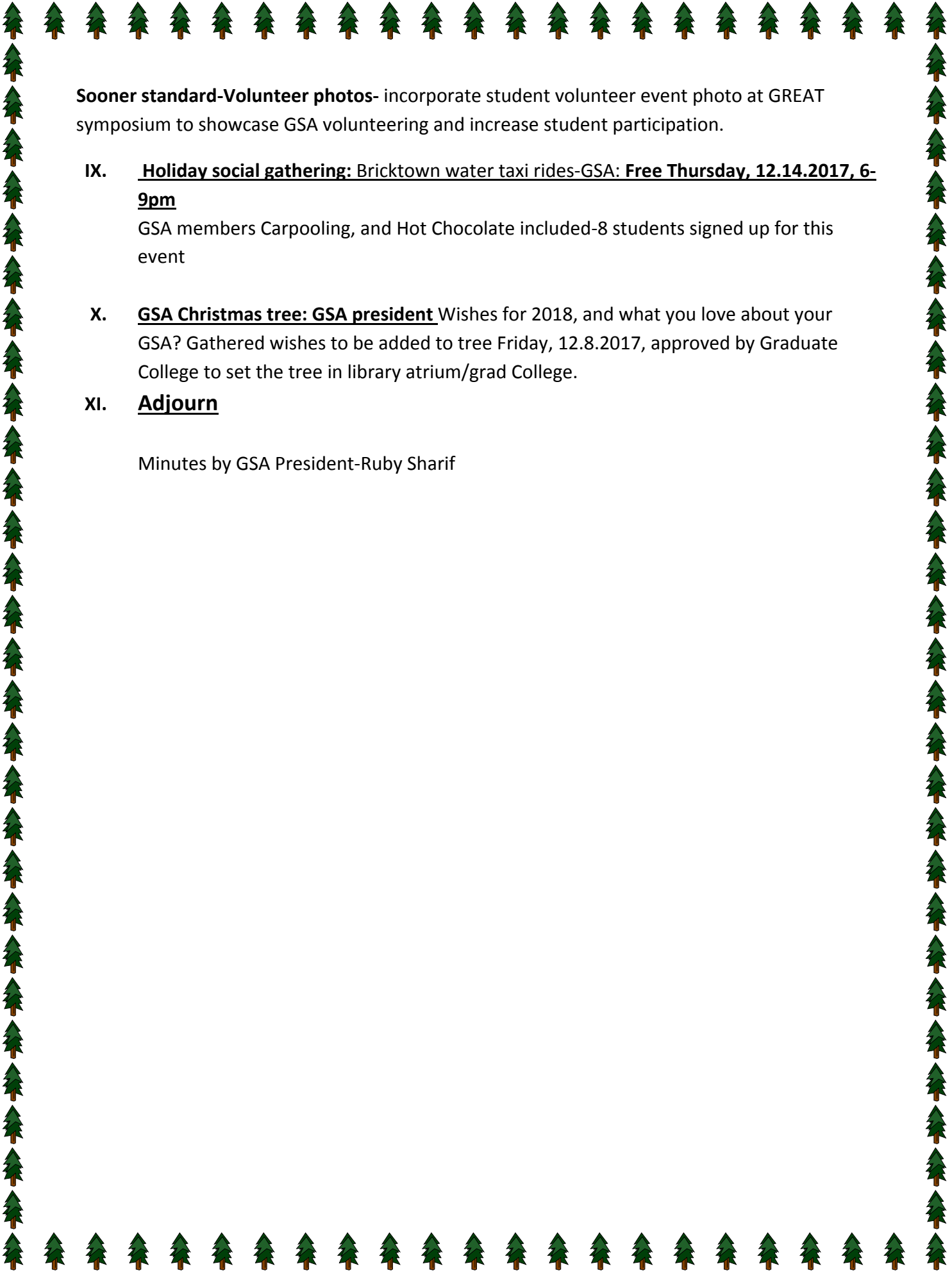
Donations to be dropped off at Library atrium, Thursday, December 14th 2017 @ NOON- GSA

President and Social chair will collect donation at that time

Sign- up sheets for the following volunteer opportunities, ongoing December-January

- ❖ **Feed the children**
- ❖ **Oklahoma Regional Food Bank**
- ❖ **City Rescue Mission (CRM)**

No GSA meeting in January, but GSA will announce ongoing volunteer opportunities via email.



Sooner standard-Volunteer photos- incorporate student volunteer event photo at GREAT symposium to showcase GSA volunteering and increase student participation.

IX. **Holiday social gathering: Bricktown water taxi rides-GSA: Free Thursday, 12.14.2017, 6-9pm**

GSA members Carpooling, and Hot Chocolate included-8 students signed up for this event

X. **GSA Christmas tree: GSA president** Wishes for 2018, and what you love about your GSA? Gathered wishes to be added to tree Friday, 12.8.2017, approved by Graduate College to set the tree in library atrium/grad College.

XI. **Adjourn**

Minutes by GSA President-Ruby Sharif