

All-Council Meeting Minutes

Graduate Student Association

Senate Chambers - Talley Student Union 4th floor

January 30th, 2017 - 7:00pm

Food Served - 7:00pm -

Call to order - 7:15pm -

Roll call #1

Approve minutes from last month's meeting

- Approved by majority

Advisor Introduction - 7:19pm -

- Dr. Peter Harries: Senior Associate Dean, Graduate School

Introduction: Meredith - Executive assistant in Student government

Executive officer updates - 7:21pm -

President - nothing major (Tyler)

Vice-President of Internal Affairs (Doug)

- Results of meal survey. Winners = pizza, sandwiches and pasta

Vice-President of External Affairs (Melissa)

- Standing committees are currently full. If you can no longer serve, please let Melissa know!

Vice-President of Academic Affairs (Jessica)

- Differ any questions about the travel awards to
- Graduate Research Symposium – March 22nd in the McKimmon Center from 1-5pm

Vice-President of Communication (Chelsea)

- All head shots went well!

Vice-President of Public Relations (Ben)

- Facebook and calendar on the website should be up to date. If you have anything to add, please email Ben
- Mix and Mingle coming up! Information posted on Facebook if you're interested

Treasurer (Freddy)

- Before holding any events, email Freddy with information about what you plan to spend money on
- Expense reports – these are in place of submitting a budget. The form is available on the website and should include information about how you spent your money (after you've spent 90% of your rebate from last year) due by the March meeting. If your GSA did not receive a rebate last year, you do not need to submit one.
- Block grants are still available.

Secretary (Rachel)

GSA Internal Standing Committee Updates (Committee Chair)

I. Special Projects and Political Action

- a. Thank you for submitting housing information
- II. Department Outreach and Leadership
 - a. We had a successful first event!
 - b. Next event Feb 27th: Personal Branding event!
- III. Community Service
 - a. No update
- IV. Research Recognition
 - a. Applications due February 15th
 - b. Currently recruiting outside judges for the Graduate Research Symposium
- V. Publicity
 - a. Nothing major, but if you have anything that you feel needs to be distributed to other graduate students, please use the form on the website!
- VI. Social
 - a. Upcoming event - Trivia! Due this Wednesday, you will know by Thursday which prelim round you will be in. By default, the reps are captains. If you do not want to be the captain, it is your responsibility to find another
 - b. Formal – we will keep you posted!
- VII. Teaching effectiveness
 - a. TA awards – in the process of finding a date for this. Application forms have been sent to DGP's.
- VIII. Graduate Student Representation
 - a. We have 12 seats now (from our previous 8) on student senate!
 - b. Working on bringing in Student body President and Vice President to come talk with us to have them understand graduate student issues.
 - c. We now have all of our current seats filled, which is a huge accomplishment!

Stretch Break/Meet your Neighbor (Everyone) - 7:54pm -

Communication through Representative Email - 8:03pm -

- If an email is meant to be distributed to other graduate students, please include THE FOLLOWING in the first line of the email!
- FOR REPS or FOR ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS
 - Be sure to separate the message that needs to be forwarded and the text that needs to be deleted by a dotted line -----
- Chelsea will add a sample email template to the website

Discussion on GSA structure - 8:06pm -

- Introduction of constitutional ammendment for VP of Communication role and development of new role: VP Student Government Relations
 - VP Comm role: Social media, list serv
 - VP Stu Gov Rel role: Attend student senate meetings along with
 - New permanent committee – make the current ad hoc committee permanent and become responsible for filling our senate seats.
- We met with cabinet for student government. They are on board with us having a graduate student position in their cabinet.
- Question: Where is this person elected? Answer: The exec member is elected through the

GSA and this position will carry over to student Senate.

- Question: So is this a position on the student senate or on the exec board of the GSA?
Answer: Both!
- Constitutionally, we will discuss the amendment at the next meeting

2017-2018 GSA Officer Nominations Open

- 8:20pm -

- Nominations open tonight and are open to all graduate students, not just reps.
- Multiple requirements, including being available to work during the summer and attend meetings
- Current nominations:
 - President: Tyler
 - VP Internal Affairs: Doug
 - VP External Affairs: Nathan
 - VP Academic Affairs: Desiree Unselt
 - VP Communication: Ben
 - VP Student Government Relations: Zack, Chelsea, Meredith
 - Treasurer: Freddy
 - Secretary: Rachel

Open floor

- 8:31pm -

- Sisterhood dinner February 27th. Please get the word out to your departments.
- Is there anything that the university is doing in light of the recent executive orders?
 - Dr. Harries – will keep the exec board updated on any advancements
 - NAGPS is sponsoring an event this Wednesday to encourage people to contact their senators. Melissa will send out information to the reps.
 - Could the community service committee host any events, or maybe political action committee?

Adjournment

- 8:39pm -

- Motion to adjourn: 8:39pm – voted, yes majority.

----- Next meeting scheduled for: Monday, February 27th at 7pm -----

Post-meeting discussion