

Graduate Student Association for the Arts & Sciences
Monthly Meeting
November 16, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

I. Welcome

- All officers present
- All department reps except American Studies (Meagan Thompson), Computer Science (Hannah Jones), History (Jasper Conner); Carlos Aparecido da Silva Junior standing in as Applied Science Rep.
- 21 attendants total

II. Public comment

- No comment

III. Studio for Teaching and Learning Innovation (STLI) - Kasey Sease

- A new department, with a number of cool resources for teaching and remote learning
- **Action Item: Are there particular resources grad students need? If so, Kasey will convey this to the advisory council at STLI**
- STLI website: <https://www.wm.edu/offices/stli/index.php>
- Graduate Teaching Online Resources Page: <https://guides.libraries.wm.edu/teaching>
- Kasey Sease, Graduate Representative STLI Advisory Council:
kmsease@email.wm.edu

IV. Grad Council SA Bill - Richard Reksoatmodjo

- Grad Council is proposing bill to restructure the relationship between Grad Council and Student Assembly. The Bill will establish grad council as a more formal, central grad government body that will represent the various grad schools.
- The official bill and bill summary will be distributed.
- **Action Item: Read the details over the break in order to provide an informed perspective in the Spring.**
- Bill Summary: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1puyeR-SJpxJles1SAQtFBqaN8S2OHGuJkfGALImzoh4/edit?usp=sharing>
- email rmreksoatmodjo@email.wm.edu with comments or question

V. Officer's reports:

A. President, Holly Gruntner

- GSA Remote Conference Funding Awards - Winter Cycle applications due 1/15
 - Volunteers to review applications: Philip, Justin, Tomos, Colin
 - Reviewing will take place 1/15-1/22
- Admissions freeze update
- Asymptomatic testing site list being generated by Grad Council, if you need tests outside of those offered by the College.

B. Vice President, Tomos Evans (No Report)

C. Treasurer, Justin Cammarota

- GSA funds need to be coded according to what they will be spent on; each department needs to coordinate with their grad admin and Chasity in order to ensure dispersal.

D. Secretary, Taylor Triplett

- Spring meetings will begin about one week before classes start.
 - Taylor will email everyone in early January to set up a time.
- E. Parliamentarian, Zeke Wertz
- Constitutional amendments vote (see prior agendas for review)
 - Vote held: amendments passed**
- F. SA Rep, Chardé Reid
- Action Item: Please take the survey on Academic Climate**
 - Changes to Title IX are underway; SA is considering restoring protections lost through Title IX changes by instituting Honor Code changes
 - All senators are being encouraged to create passable legislation, Chardé will be working on this as well
 - Review Board Amendment Act (which would clear way to add a 3rd Law SA senator):
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uzvnLHWACs0ZzXlbjlZbf6V5CLimHfNITsYl0IOtI6M/edit>
- G. Social Chair, Phillip Emmanuel (No Report)
- H. GSAB Reps, Alexandra Macdonald and Casey McLaughlin
- Casey will be drafting a Thank You Note for the Advisory Board, which will be sent around to the GSA for review
 - Casey will need to retire as she is graduating! GSA will need a science rep replacement.**
- I. Journal Club, Justin Cammarota and Jim Rick
- Journal Club was successful; JC will request GSA's room reservations again next Spring.
- J. Department Reps (No Reports)
- VI. DEI Committee updates - Tomos, Phillip
- Additional DEI Meeting this week
- VII. Semester wrap-up
- What went well?
 - A lot of attendance
 - Good communication with the Deans, Continue this
 - What are our goals for next semester?
 - Push for flexibility with Grad deadlines under pandemic conditions
 - Make permanent digital signatures
 1. Is there work we can be doing over break?
 - Brainstorming for Grad Council Bill
 - COVID Survey: Will distribute soon
- . Meagan's COVID survey
- VIII. Open floor – everyone (No Comment)
- IX. Meeting adjourned @ 7:30.