

Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes

Date: February 28, 2019

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: McGlothlin-Street Hall; Room 020

Presiding Officer: Erin Schwartz, President

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Officer Reports
 - A. President:
 - 1. Committee on Graduate Studies and Grad Council scheduled Grad Bash for March 22. They are looking for a theme!
 - B. Vice President:
 - C. Treasurer: N/A
 - D. Senate Representative:
 - 1. Traffic Resolution going well; installing more lighting for crosswalks on/around campus
 - 2. Student assembly: law passed to condemn racist behavior on campus; this includes renaming building that were named after Confederate soldiers
 - E. Social Chair:
 - 1. Professor Roundtable will be March 27th at 7pm; need speaker nominations (topic = climate change)
 - F. Parliamentarian:
 - 1. Chrome River reimbursement system would allow much faster refund for travel costs (instead of 6+ weeks). Currently not available to grad students; GSA voted to look into it gaining access for those who travel often for WM
- III. GSAB Report
 - A. March 16th is GSAB meeting → please submit funding requests, etc. to Nicki or Holly
 - B. University Teaching Project put together a Graduate Student Teachers Lib Guide, which will soon be available through the library website (hopefully late March). This includes many well-organized and easy to follow resources for TAs and TFs.
 - 1. GSA feedback on idea of community forum included: Passworded quiz bank and department specific resources (shared PPTs, etc.)
 - 2. There will be a survey about desired resources, etc. soon for all current grad TAs to fill out
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Exit Survey
 - 1. New suggestions include a section with emphasis on teaching and funding & cost of living aspects of grad life

2. Also suggested that GSA can help with some of the welcoming/helping new students adjust to the community via a welcome letter/kit
- B. Wellness Workshops now set (flyers going out soon)
1. Can organize and lead your own wellness walks!
 2. Going to look into graduate focused summer opportunities
 3. Need to talk to Wellness center about concerns of mixing grad TAs/TFs and undergrads in therapy sessions
 4. Looking into decreasing wait time for therapy/counseling for grad students (and perhaps a grad-specific counselor)
- C. Mentoring Awards: Dr. Karin Wulf from History won and will receive award on March 12th
- V. New Business
- A. In need of room proctors for upcoming Graduate Research Symposium; see Erin for available slots
 - B. Travel grant committee: looking for new members, contact Erin to learn how to sign up
 - C. Possible event for this semester: Networking & Appetizers for all departments to mingle (at Mellow Mushroom or other location)
- VI. Meeting adjourned