Graduate Student Association for the Arts & Sciences
Monthly Meeting
May 12, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

I. Welcome
   - All Officers and Reps Present
   - 23 present in total

II. Public comment
   No Public Comment

III. Officer’s reports
   A. President, Holly Gruntner
      1. Counseling Center Summer Grads Group
         a) Spread the word - there will be a mental health group over the
            summer, details forthcoming
      2. Faculty Assembly NTE Statement
         a) Faculty Assembly made a statement in solidarity with NTEs
         b) Attend Union meetings if you’d like to learn more or participate
         c) Chardé Reid, taking up Spenser Wood’s suggestion, proposed
            a motion in which GSA would publicly support the Faculty
            Assembly’s Statement, the motion was seconded by Tomos
            Evans - Motion Passed
               (1) GSA voted in favor of the Motion to support the FA
               NTE statement
      3. One more round of conference funding available for Arts and Sciences
         students
         a) Applications due June 1
      4. GSA Officers/Reps. duties
         a) Update in GSA Drive with useful information
      5. 2020-2021 recap
   B. Treasurer, Justin Cammarota
      1. Funds from this year will be rolled over into next year, so future GSA will
         have a bigger funding pool than normal
   C. Secretary, Taylor Triplett (No report)
   D. Parliamentarian, Zeke Wertz
      1. Suggesting an update for the election procedures
      2. Suggesting a public facing statement/poster/etc. on Title IV procedures at
         WM
   E. SA Rep, Chardé Reid
      1. The next SA was elected
2. SA met with Prof. David Armstrong, the current leader of FA, about the NTE stance - suggested pushing for reports detailing faculty data: on tenured vs. non-tenured faculty, course loads, course attendance, number of mentees, etc.

F. Social Chair, Phillip Emmanuel
   1. The last trivia of the year will be soon, likely Friday, May 21st.

G. GSAB Rep, Alexandra Macdonald and Felipe Ortega Gama
   1. Dean Torczon asked for reps for a committee: Information and Technology Advice Committee
   2. Consider joining next semester

H. Journal Club, Justin Cammarota
   1. Need more volunteers to help with next year

I. Department Reps
   1. The History Department is changing its name in parallel with efforts to rename buildings across campus

J. Vice President, Tomos Evans
   Election (with the help of Zeke as Parliamentarian)
   ● We need a Social Chair still!
   ● Outgoing officers: upload information documents for new folks
   ● One applicant for each position - will go through them in order

IV. Election:
   A. Former President: Holly Gruntner
      1. Newly Elected President: Tomos Evans
   B. Former Vice President: Tomos Evans
      1. Newly Elected President: Marie Pellissier
   C. Former Treasurer: Justin Cammarota
      1. Newly Elected Treasurer: Jen Traver
   D. Former Secretary: Taylor Triplett
      1. Newly Elected Secretary: Justin Cammarota
   E. Former Parliamentarian: Zeke Wertz
      1. Re-Elected Parliamentarian: Zeke Wertz
   F. Former SA Rep: Chardé Reid
      1. Newly Elected SA Rep: Leah Kuragano
   G. Former Social Chair: Phillip Emmanuel
      1. No Nomination
   H. Former GSAB Rep: Alexandra Macdonald and Felipe Ortega Gama
      1. Re-Elected GSAB Reps: Alexandra Macdonald and Felipe Ortega Gama

V. DEI Committee updates - Tomos, Phillip
   A. Carrying on the Mentorship Program
   B. The new DEI advisory group flopped, but will likely reform next semester
VI. Planning for 2021-22 GSA - Tomos
   ● Reiterate: we need a Social Chair!
   ● Reps for each department - questions for 2020/2021 reps:
     a. If they're continuing
     b. Who their successors will be (and for the successors to give us their emails)
     c. For those undecided, what their plans are (continuing or not, who could be their successor etc.)
   ● Add everyone to the GSA Drive folder. Check the officer folders for info on duties.
   ● What we can start thinking about for 2021/2022. Any ideas from past and new officers on what should be on the GSA’s agenda?
     ❖ COVID support at an uncertain / transitional time: continued funding and stipends, meeting grad student needs and demands as things gradually move to being increasingly in-person (presumably).
       ➢ Social events: Zoom for now, perhaps in-person soon.
     ❖ Grad students on committees: ensure they are properly informed before committing to positions, and ensure support from GSA.
     ❖ Networking with other student organisations, including departmental graduate student committees. Grad Council, SA.
     ❖ Continued support and collaboration with the W&M Workers Union, especially given the precarious situation of campus workers right now.
   ● Organising a summer meeting - what times are people thinking? Mid July?

VII. Open floor (No Comment)

VIII. Meeting adjourned - 7:50pm