

Graduate Student Association Meeting Agenda

Date: October 19, 2020

Location: Virtual Meeting

Presiding Officer: Holly Gruntner (President)

I. Welcome/Introductions

1. All Officers Present
2. All reps present, except History (Jasper Conner, excused) and Applied Science (Tina Naik)
3. 21 in attendance: 17 officers + reps & 4 grad students
4. Opening remarks regarding the weather

II. Public Comment - None

III. Officer's Reports

A. President, Holly Gruntner

1. GSA Remote Conference Funding Awards - applications due 11/1
2. Reviewing will take place 11/2-11/12
3. GSA's review process - call for volunteers
 1. Volunteer Committee: Meagan, Kayla, Taylor, Felipe, Tomos, Philip
4. Graduate Admissions Freeze
 1. Dean Torczon is getting statements from each department regarding whether they want to freeze future admissions,

B. Vice President, Tomos Evans

C. Treasurer, Justin Cammarota

1. Departmental Allocations
 1. Vote held: Allocations Passed

D. Secretary, Taylor Triplett (No Report)

E. Parliamentarian, Zeke Wertz

1. Constitutional Amendments
 1. GSAB Rep Voting Rights
 2. Dean's Advisory Committee
2. Vote postponed until November meeting

F. SA Rep, Chardé Reid

1. Update on the VIMS Liaison Act
 1. View the Bill [here](#).
2. Performance Review of Admin COVID Policy
3. Asynchronous Classes pitched for Election Day
4. Referenda on Pass/Fail
 1. SA will gauge interest in Pass/Fail through a survey. To see the language of the referendum questions, you can check it out [here](#).

G. Social Chair, Phillip Emmanuel

1. Possible virtual Halloween party? Games night? Trivia?

H. GSAB Reps, Alexandra Macdonald and Casey McLaughlin

1. GSAB Outcomes
 1. Remote Conference Grant
 2. Letters drafted to the Admin regarding grad student needs
 3. Working with school of ed to make a teaching certificate for grad students
 4. Health Insurance not fundable this year
 5. Potentially getting webcams, etc. for grad students to rent
 6. Three-Minute Thesis might take place next semester, but GRS is canceled

7. Potentially opening funding for grad student travel
8. Potential professional development programs for grads at Cohen center
9. GSAB mentoring program – sign up is open if interested
10. Dean Torczon requesting a Thank You note for the board from GSA, but also include Thank You's if you apply to a conference grant.
11. No change to other existing funding structures

I. Journal Club, Justin Cammarota and Jim Rick

1. Talks scheduled between now and Nov. 12th, mostly on Zoom.

J. Department Rep. Updates

IV. DEI Committee Updates - Tomos, Phillip

1. OGSR discretionary funds will support DEI initiatives: mentoring program, speaker series, promoting campus events in general
2. Eventual partnership with other organizations: recently met with other DEI initiatives to clarify how grad students can specifically support the College
3. Speaker series: three talks planned. Two funded by OGSR, and one an internal speaker
4. Grad mentoring program potentially going live next semester
5. Event Promotion – more formally and systematically presenting OGSR with lists of events to be put in the grad student newsletters.

V. Faculty Awards Committee Updates -- Chardé, Caroline, Zeke

1. Review applications and submit rankings
2. Review Criteria: <https://www.wm.edu/as/dean/award-faculty-teaching/index.php>
3. GSA must complete rankings by October 26 @ 5pm

VI. Open Floor – Everyone

1. Email: ammaconald@wm.edu if you have come up with any innovative teaching and research practices during the pandemic to be featured on W&M news stories

VII. Meeting Adjourned