Graduate Student Association Meeting Agenda  
Date: November 07, 2019  
Time: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Location: McGlothlin Street Hall, Room 020  
Presiding Officer: Nick Belluzzo (president)

I. Welcome & Introductions  
   A. Began meeting at 4:06 pm  
   B. 20 people present  
      1. Officers: all present  
      2. Department representatives:  
         a) Applied Science — no rep  
         b) Public Policy — no rep; need to contact MacBeth  
         c) All other reps present  
      3. Additional guests: 5, including Grad Council President

II. Officer Reports  
   A. President (Nick)  
   B. Vice President (Richard)  
   C. Treasurer (Casey)  
      1. Updated budget  
         a) ~ $330 left in budget for A&S socials  
      2. Proposal of department funding amounts  
         a) 349 A&S students currently enrolled, but not all pay activity fees/ tuition  
         b) $250 flat rate per department, plus additional $11.96 per student over 30 people currently enrolled (per department)  
         c) COR and CompSci to be combined  
         d) Overall GSA board & reps agree that distributing the departmental funds earlier in the year will allow students to make better use of it  
         e) Departments who do not send a rep are not guaranteed this funding — we will give final notice to these departments  
            (1) Voted to distribute funds to departments currently active in GSA; if inactive departments send reps in the future, they can petition for some departmental funds for the Spring semester — Approved
   D. Senate Representative (Holly)  
      1. Mental Health Task Force — Proposed to have the Counseling center hire 2 extra people to cover the need — This would raise the Activity fees by $45/person
2. Free STI testing (urine test only — will not cover blood tests) at WM Health Center

E. Social Chair (Tomos)
   1. Last social of the semester
      a) Last Fall 2019 Coffee & Bagels this month
      b) Planning another social at a local Bar/Restaurant such as Precarious in December (maybe the 6th or 7th?)

F. Parliamentarian (Ryan)
G. Secretary (Jessica)

III. GSAB Report (Casey & Tomos)

IV. Old Business
   A. GSA donation to Grad Bash/Tailgate funds (*vote required*)
      1. Grad Council is asking for $200 to help cover unexpected costs of
      2. Business & Law provided funding; VIMS provided items, like the grill
      3. Moved to take $125 from Applied Science’s departmental budget (since they haven’t responded to our requests for a rep) + $75 from our social budget to provide this money — Approved
   B. Grad-Faculty Amorous Relationships Policy
      1. Graduate student body Task Force now has a contact to the faculty assembly, but worry that they will vote on this faster than graduate students can provide feedback. Therefore we will collect unofficial feedback (not a formal survey)
         a) Holly will send an email to GSA about what kind of information we need from our departments
      2. Grad Council / the Task Force are addressing the previous lack of communication from other graduate schools on this topic by reaching out to them for feedback
   C. COGS update
      1. Recent meeting — Nothing new to report

V. New Business
   A. Virginia Graduate Student Association Summit Recap
      1. Deans of state universities and some GSA members meet to discuss graduate issues
         a) Other schools seem to be having similar issues that
         b) Looking to increase connectivity between university GSAs at upcoming meeting (April 19-20, 2020)
   B. Changes to Continuing Enrollment
      1. Voted to grade non-class-taking students (GRAD 999 students) instead of automatically being marked as complete; Communication with advisors will be required— in effect next spring
   C. W&M Workers’ Union (WMWU) overview & initiatives -- Led by Jasper
      1. Working on broadening base to include undergraduate, staff, non-tenure faculty, etc.
2. 3 major requests (these will make programs more lucrative for incoming students too):
   a) Living wage required for staff and grad students
   b) Healthcare (dental, health, and vision for all grad students)
   c) Affordable & accessible parking

3. Graduate worker specific:
   a) Guaranteed 6 yrs of funding
   b) Getting paid on time

4. Meet every Wednesday at 6pm in Blair Hall (for those interested), plus occasional meetings with Dean Torczon

5. Looking to add a Union Representative to GSA

6. Question raised about whether graduate students are considered workers by the university given that we receive payroll, but that money is also considered a stipend

7. Higher union density in our graduate section of union than many UC systems in less than 2 weeks

VI. Open Floor
   A. Grants, taxes, etc. unclear to incoming students; HGSA looking to host a workshop on this in the future; this will be discussed more at future meetings

VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm