Graduate Student Association Meeting Agenda
Date: Sep 9, 2021
Time: 6:02 pm
Location: Zoom
Presiding Officer: Tomos Evans (President)

I. Welcome & Introductions
   A. Began at 6:02 pm
   B. Attendance:
      1. Officers: Tomos, Zeke, Cam, Ali, Felipe, Jen, Marie, Leah, Caroline
      2. Reps: Annabelle, Elizabeth, Elliot, Kevin, Molly, Madison, Moira, Spenser, Laurel
      3. 9 guests

II. Officer Reports
   A. President (Tomos)
      a) Traveling to Nigeria for research (Marie takes over for most part), Leah stand in for DGS meetings
   2. Grad Council Stand Ins
      a) PM or email if interested (tlevans@email.wm.edu)
      b) On Zoom
   3. Dean Maria Grad Advisory Committee volunteers needed (4-6)
      a) Need at least 1 from GSA
      b) Want a balance between master’s, PhD students as well as between Arts and Science students
      c) Unsure if in-person or on Zoom
      d) Applications due by tomorrow (Sept 10)
   4. GSA Subcommittee to evaluate DEI and Grad Advisory committee applications
      a) Justin, Zeke volunteer, any others email directly
   5. Erin Schwartz has items needed to be picked up
      a) Use PGSA/Grad Council/GSA storage in Small?
   B. Vice President (Marie)
   C. Treasurer (Jen)
      1. Trying to get budget details: got Student Assembly, waiting on OGSR
   D. Senate Representative (Leah)
      1. One meeting so far: COVID protocols and how graduate TAs deal with situation
      2. University guidelines seem to be case-by-case basis (based on personal experiences), up to individual lectures to figure out
         a) Seem to be remote (with extra permissions) or in-person only options (no hybrid)
      3. Bring it up with GSAB
4. Student survey: Grad council did something similar last year

E. Social Chair (Cam)
   1. Great turnout for first social
   2. Future in-person events on hold indefinitely
   3. Social Committee to help come up with ideas

F. Parliamentarian (Zeke)

G. Secretary (Justin)
   1. Website, Officer Profiles?
      a) Mixed response, however a lot of work (subcommittee)
      b) Official vote: passes 12/17
         (1) Justin, Jen, Marie subcommittee
   2. Slack channel?
      a) No opposition, so will be created

H. GSAB (Felipe, Ali)
   1. Meeting on Sept 23: Research funds, community building, JC reps (?), DEI (?)

I. Journal Club (Caroline, Tim)
   1. GSA Funding of Journal Club
      a) Previously $250 per semester, would like more

J. Department Reps
   1. CORE and CS rep situation:
      a) Previously one from both
      b) Someone from both this year: splitting into two reps
      c) Proposal approved to have CORE and CS rep

III. DEI Updates
   A. Good responses to the mentorship program, primary meeting on Sunday Sept 12

IV. New Business
   A. Professional Development and Job Placement Counselors (Leah)
      1. Official person at W&M dedicated to help graduate students with resume/CV prep, mock interviews, etc (common at other universities)
      2. Sarah is working on it with Stetson house
      3. Tonya in career center works with graduate students (but mainly non-academic)
      4. IGNITE new program to get help
      5. Talk to GSAB to see how their institutions handle such cases
      6. Maria’s advisory committee might be useful as well

   B. Cost of Living Adjustment (Leah)
      1. When was the last time one occurred across the board (seems to be department specific)

V. Open Floor
   A. Reporting misconduct, Title IX violations, harassment? Improving documentation or making information more broadly known (discuss further at later meetings)
1. Jen has experience at The Haven and has resources to help out

VI. Meeting Adjourned: 7:29 pm