

## Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes

Date: November 30, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Sadler Center

Presiding Officer: Adrienna Bingham, President

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of the Minutes from Nov. 2<sup>th</sup>
  - a. The motion to approve minutes from the last meeting passes.
3. Update on A&S Faculty Teaching Awards
  - a. Although we asked for Jennifer Rahn to receive an award, the Dean denied our request.
4. SA Funding Issues
  - a. The GSA is facing a dilemma about student activity fees. Currently, our fees go entirely to the SA. We are debating whether to stay with this system or move to a system where it's split 50/50 – 50% to the SA, and 50% to the GSA exclusively. Our budget allocated by the SA for FY 2016 about \$5000 and \$700 from the OGSR, but we could potentially get a \$9000 lump sum from student activity fees that we would have jurisdiction over. The assembled debated the precise numbers of funding and allocation, autonomy, individual clubs and graduate students asking for money, the potential restrictions and rules that come along with our own money vs. money from the SA, how getting control of finances might result in decreased standing in the SA, and how changes might change the structure of and interest in participating in the GSA. The SA is interested in reaching out more to graduate students in general, which is a positive step.
  - b. A vote was held, and the majority voted to receive the lump sum. A group will try to meet tomorrow to resolve specific issues with members of the administration before setting the budget on Friday.
5. Journal Club Update
  - a. The last meeting of the year is on December 1, 2016.
6. Budget Update
  - a. It is due Friday.
7. SA Update
  - a. Decision to eliminate alternate senators has passed.

8. Three Minute Thesis Update

- a. Mallory and Adrienna spoke regarding 3MT. Students do not have to be in presenting in the GRS to apply. Several prizes will be offered: \$250 for first place, \$100 for second place, \$50 for third place, and a \$100 audience choice prize. Applications will be solicited soon, and 15 people will be selected on a first come, first serve basis with additional applicants being placed on the wait list. Notices will be going out soon in the "Did You Know That?". Sarah Glosson will be holding a workshop in February. Registration will likely close after the workshop. The participants might be taped.

9. SA Outreach

- a. A member of the SA came to solicit ideas about graduate outreach events. Several ideas were discussed, but publicization of events was raised as a central issue.

10. Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.