

Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes

Date: November 5, 2018

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Sadler Center

Presiding Officer: Erin Schwartz, President

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Officers' Reports
 - a. Vice President: Upcoming election for Secretary.
 - b. Treasurer: America to Go is giving us and other groups problems. Funding issues also need to be addressed.
 - c. Student Assembly Representative: Student Assembly also noted issues with new catering system.
 - d. Social Chair: More events coming up in the spring semester.
 - e. Parliamentarian: Constitution still needs adjustments.
 - f. GSAB Representatives: Meeting during homecoming weekend involved a listening session with President Rowe. The representatives noted an open-minded start with a focus on where graduate studies is headed. There was discussion about keeping graduate school in mind during fundraising. Pres. Rowe wants more corporate sponsors & agreement with the board. Other concerns noted at the meeting were: increased awareness of grad studies, starting with provost search; interdisciplinary collaborations; internships & mentoring programs (find more outside volunteers for these programs); and branding as W&M (how do we let people know that W&M has grad students?). Soon, there will be a survey from the Dean's office for exiting students on school experience. It was noted that GSAB is receptive to grad student issues, especially those with a financial component, so discussion was held regarding possible issues that could be addressed. Their next meeting is in March, so issues will need to be taken to them then.
- 3) Funding Approval
 - a. Journal Club Funding Request: Adrienna Bingham and Kelsey Shaffer from Journal Club requested \$500 for additional food and non-alcoholic drinks. The vote to confirm was unanimous.
 - b. Updates to Funding Process: Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. Applicants from different departments are encouraged to apply early and give enough time for GSA to vote on applications, but emergency situations (and requests under \$200) can be approved by the Finance Committee before the next meeting.
 - c. Finance Committee: Three additional volunteers were solicited: Kelsey Shaffer from Psychological Sciences, Sara Woodbury from American Studies, and Kylie Wheeler from Public Policy.

- d. America to Go Discussion: Discussion of difficulties in ordering and dealing with restrictions in new system. Grocery stores were noted as a viable option, but those ordering would need to coordinate with OGSR. A vote was held regarding the next meeting's food, and Publix was selected.
- 4) Old Business
- a. 2018-19 Agenda Items: President working with Sarah Glosson from the Graduate Center on parking and mental health initiatives. Present members made suggestions for the draft parking survey for A&S grad students. Suggestions included: how much would you be willing to pay? Can we tier the passes? How late do people stay? Where do people park if not on campus? If you have a pass, how many times can you find a spot?
- 5) New Business
- a. OGSR/GSA Conference and Research Funding: deadlines on December 7. Committees to be formed at December meeting.
 - b. GSA Technology Updates: new/reclaimed GSA email (gsa@email.wm.edu). Discussion was held regarding maintaining momentum between meetings, and Slack was selected to facilitate GSA communications.
 - c. Jasmine Parham: union interest meeting Friday, November 9, at 4 p.m. ISC 2280.
- 6) The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM