

## Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes

Date: October 07, 2015

Time: 7:15 pm

Location: Sadler Center

Presiding Officer: Menuka Ban, President

Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm by the President.

The meeting starts from introducing new members.

Menuka Ban, President, requests at least four volunteers for a committee responsible for a detailed revision of the constitution. Katie Baugh volunteered to chair the committee. The committee members are Peter Quinn-Jacobs, Mallory Moran, Adrienna Bingha and Andrew Kottick. The suggested revisions are electron procedure, adding advisory board responsibilities on the responsibilities section, and graduate council. The revised constitution should be ready before next meeting.

Menuka Ban also requests at least five volunteers for the committee in charge of OGSR/GSA Supplemental Conference Travel Funding. Jeremy Abramowitz volunteered to chair the committee. The committee members are Khanh Vo, Matthew Femia, Adrienna Bingham and Katie Mitchell. Deadline of the funding application is October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the committee has to be ready before that. The committee is responsible for reviewing the applications, and sending the result to Dean.

One confusion about the funding is that what if the conference one is attending happens before October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Will that lead to any advantages or disadvantages towards the decision making. The answer is that it will not influence the result. If one goes to a conference first and receive the funding, the funding will simply reimburse that person. The reason is that Dean has to report the money first before distributing it to students. This procedure is not ideal though; the association need to revise it anyone propose a better procedure in the future.

The future meeting dates and time are set.

- Wednesday, November 4, 2015  
7:15 pm, Sadler Center James Room
- Wednesday, December 2, 2015  
7:15 pm, Sadler Center James Room

There are two events coming up. Graduate Student Tailgate is on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. VIMS Fall Party is on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm. But be aware that there is no van between WM campus and VIMS this weekend.

The Graduate Student Commons is open and accessible to all graduate students. They established a card –reader access. If you have trouble getting access to the commons using the W&M ID card, please let Vicki Thompson Dopp know. Andrew suggests to use the common area for activities. Potential activities are, for example, graduate students presenting their research, and the winner can get a prize for their apartment. We also need people to working on funding for these activities

Andrew Kottick, Treasurer, provides a statement on finance at the end of the meeting.