

## **Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes**

**Date: October 1, 2018**

**Time: 5:00 PM**

**Location: Sadler Center**

**Presiding Officer: Erin Schwartz, President**

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Potential Teaching and Learning Center Feedback (Guests: Sarah Glosson and Gene Roche)
  - a. Two members of an advisory team on a potential center for teaching and learning were present to introduce the center and solicit feedback from attending graduate students. Several students offered several concerns and ideas for the center (e.g. online resource, role of and resources for graduate students TAing intro classes, graduate students as instructors of record, more/more consistently timed workshops, etc.).
- 3) Officers' Reports
  - a. Vice President: Upcoming election for Secretary. Reminder about sending representatives to meetings so as to maintain departmental funding.
  - b. Treasurer: Jersey Mike's delayed to November GSA meeting.
  - c. Student Assembly Representative: No report.
  - d. Social Chair: No report.
  - e. Parliamentarian: Constitution still needs adjustments.
  - f. GSAB Representatives: 3 Minute Thesis is coming up on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 5 p.m. in ISC 1221. The representatives are looking for volunteers to emcee, time the event, and participate in other roles. The next GSAB meeting will coincide with Homecoming.
- 4) Graduate Student Mentoring Award
  - a. An email will be sent around on Monday night with details about the Office of Graduate Studies' faculty mentoring award. The nominations are due February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 5) Old Business
  - a. 2018-19 Agenda Items: Psychological Studies rep Kelsey Shaffer opened discussion on issues from the last meeting, highlighting treatment as graduate students and employees. Advice from multiple parties on gathering facts and anecdotes to present to people in charge. Discussion was had regarding entanglement of issues, possible steps forward, recognition of problems by members of administration, and reaching out to students from other universities for their perspectives.
  - b. OGSR/GSA Conference Funding Update: Thank you to the committee members for their prompt responses.
- 6) New Business

- a. Dimitra Pefkou: starting an LGBTQ+ club geared toward grad students. Email her at [dapefkou@email.wm.edu](mailto:dapefkou@email.wm.edu) for more information.
  - b. Ryan Chaban: adjustments with new catering system. Could liaise with Student Assembly to solve problems.
- 7) The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM