

Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes

Date: September 4, 2018

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Sadler Center

Presiding Officer: Erin Schwartz, President

- 1) Introductions
- 2) 2018-19 Potential Agenda Items
 - a. List: The President presented a list of concerns to people who could do more and suggested form committees to make said list. Healthcare and parking were discussed as two possible, yet challenging to tackle agenda items. Chasity Roberts from OGSR suggested working with new wellness center on mental health concerns for grad students.
 - b. Organizing/Recognition as Employees: There was discussion about having a campus-wide meeting for any other graduate students interested. Discussion about organizing for increases in stipends and research funding.
 - c. Grad Student Representation: Suggestion to have a grad student representative in Faculty Senate as it could be a helpful way to advocate for our issues. The President suggested bringing this issue to the Grad Council.
 - d. President's Aides: Suggestion that grad students apply to be "President's Aides," which has a deadline of 9/5/2018. Could be another avenue to advocate for our interests. Initial email for this group only said undergraduates could join, so may not have any grad students on this student advisory panel.
- 3) Officers' Reports
 - a. Vice President: Upcoming election for Secretary.
 - b. Treasurer: Food options for upcoming meetings discussed. Jersey Mike's chosen for October GSA meeting by majority vote.
 - c. Student Assembly Representative: Student Assembly meeting recently. New SA President was encouraging towards idea of student government and grad student involvement and interaction. Student Assembly expressed interest in grad student involvement/interaction. Student Assembly council determines how that money is divided, and there should be a member of Grad Council on that committee, but right now there is not.
 - d. President's Update: We got our activity money. Enrollment lower, but our funding has been increased from \$9000 to \$12000.
 - e. Social Chair: Grad Bash coming up in the fall.
 - f. Parliamentarian: Ryan found inconsistencies and poor wording in our bylaws. Will be bringing mass amendment to edit things, but with no huge technical changes.
 - g. GSAB Representatives: GSAB meeting tomorrow (9/5/18) to discuss 3 Minute Thesis.

- 4) New Business
 - a. OGSR Conference funding due this Friday. Sign up sheet for selection committee passed around.
 - b. Journal Club having an “improv comedy night”
- 5) The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM