

GSA General Body Meeting

March 12, 2021

Conducted via Zoom

Present: Dr. Kevin Miller, Dr. Frederick Floss, Amiyah King, Sartu Abdukadir, Michelle Merrill, Senator Katlyn Keane

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Meeting was called to order at 5:39 PM.
- II. Icebreaker Activity
- III. Approval of the Agenda
 - A. Michelle motions to accept the agenda; Sartu seconds.
- IV. Reports
 - A. President's Report
 1. Gab with Grads Updates
 - a) Last nights' interviewing meeting was generally a success; Denise was great. The meeting was recorded and can be posted on SM accounts.
 2. Committee Updates
 - a) Looking for an advocate to work with the USG President (Jennifer) and check in intermittently. Sartu and Katlyn offered to reach out and work with Jennifer.
 - b) Check-in with Erica about the Advocacy Committee. We need representation.
 - B. Executive Vice President's Report (Dr. Miller)
 1. Capstone Competition Updates
 - a) Joe from Digital Commons has worked with Dr. Miller and Jess to establish a format. The rules are established for the 3 minute timeline, and as long as we approve the following, we can get information out to professors as early as next week.

(1) Competition by school instead of overall, including projects and not just theses.

(2) Awards (1st, 2nd, 3rd) would be given out among contestants from each school.

(3) People's Choice Awards can be run by an email-based Google Form survey -- top 1 or 2 from each school would be considered.

(a) Faculty or graduate students as voters?

b) Sartu motions to supply \$200 for first, \$100 for second, \$50 for third for each of the four schools; \$200 for the final People's Choice Award winner (voted on among the top 12). This is a total of \$1600. Katlyn seconds. Passes 4-0.

C. Vice President for Finance's Report

1. Scholarship updates

a) Scholarships have been awarded -- 5 part time and 6 full time for a total of \$8,500.

D. Vice President for Administration's Report

1. Social media updates

a) Facebook account is not functioning properly -- every time one of us tries to log in it does not work. Marnie is aware of the situation and has been directing us to Elaina. Katlyn will email Elaina and see if there is an administrator account that we are unaware of.

E. Senator Reports

1. No new updates from Senators.

F. Dean's Report

1. Announcements have not been officially made, but commencement will likely be virtual this year.

a) Discussion of livestream commencement with in-person graduates. This would be difficult, but is something that many graduate students are anxious to have.

- b) Department level is much more feasible. Amiyah will speak with the President this week to discuss options.

V. Closing Comments

- A. The next agenda meeting will be April 2nd.
- B. The next GSA meeting will be April 9th.

VI. Adjournment

- A. Michelle makes a motion to adjourn. Sartu seconds.
- B. Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.