

## **GSA General Body Meeting**

April 9, 2021

*Conducted via Zoom*

**Present:** Dr. Kevin Miller, Amiyah King, Jessica Trainor, Sartu Abdukadir, Michelle Merrill, Senator Katlyn Keane, Sharnelle, Mariana Pavic, Kham Sang

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Meeting was called to order at 5:32 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 Update
      - a) Next Gab with Grads is Thursday, April 15th -- encouraged attendance
      - b) Jess will send the link to Dr. Miller and Marnie by this weekend
    2. Committees Updates
      - a) Advocacy committee
        - (1) Erica has not responded to emails; given the end of the semester this will be relegated to a new e-board position -- the e-board will create an official recommendation at the next meeting for incoming officers
      - b) Grad-Undergraduate program
        - (1) Possibility of a one-day event to create a bridge between graduate and undergraduate students; this largely hinges on the availability of the e-board
        - (2) Lack of communication between USG contacts
        - (3) Consensus is that the e-board does not have the availability to conduct a worthwhile event at the end of the semester; this will also be passed on to the next e-board. The e-board may put together a brief survey to gather interest from both graduate and undergraduate students.
    3. Graduation Updates
      - a) President Conway has confirmed that any form of a formal hybrid/in-person ceremony will not be practical. However, there will be a week-long time period where students can meet with the President on the stage with their cap and gowns.
  - B. Executive Vice President's Report
    1. Capstone Competition Updates
      - a) Capstone competition is up and running; submissions have started.
    2. Graduate Research Celebration
      - a) Zoom link will be created; the celebration is on Monday, May 7th at 5:30
  - C. Vice President for Finance's Report

1. Master's Project Award Decision
  - a) The top three winners from each school will win a cash prize (1st: \$200, 2nd: \$100; 3rd: \$50).
- D. Vice President for Administration's Report
  1. Social Media Updates
    - a) Posts have gone out about the upcoming Gab with Grads event and the E-Board election
    - b) Encouraged everyone to share posts
  2. Executive Board Recruitment
    - a) Continue personal and digital recruitment
    - b) Encouraged everyone to share and recommend the opportunities
- E. Senator Reports
  1. N/A
- F. Dean's Report
  1. Looking for nominations for the executive board -- very appreciative of the current e-board's efforts
  2. Encourage capstone competition submissions
- V. Closing Comments
  - A. N/A
- VI. Adjournment
  - A. Jess makes a motion to adjourn. Sartu seconds.
  - B. Meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.