

## GSA Meeting October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Roll call:

- Krest (President) - here
- Simmeth (Vice President) – here
- Dortch (Vice President for Finance)– here
- Naples (Vice Presidents for Administration)– here
- Thompson (School of the professions) - here
- Livingston (School of the professions– here
- Carney (School of Arts and Science) – here
- Nagelhout (School of Education)- here

### Introductions:

- Ice breaker activity – name, title on board, undergrad degree, current major, future aspirations.

### Approval of Agenda:

- Simmeth – motion
- Naples – second

### Carly Livingston makes her case to be voted onto the senate board of the School of the Professions:

- Simmeth – motion
- Naples – second
- Vote – 8: Yay 0: Nay

### Graduate School Research Fair and Capstone Competition:

- Plans are for it to be in person.
- Cash prize increase for each winner of up to \$50.00/amount not set
- Splitting the school of Arts and Sciences due to the recent merger. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for each school.
- Increase of advertisement for the research fair
- Graduate Research Fair Committee: Simmeth (Lead), Naples, Carney, & Livingston

### GSA Budget:

- Krest would like to use the surplus in the budget towards student welfare, possibly increasing student reimbursement by \$250.00
- Dortch thinks we can increase slightly more having the ability to without using the funds for the past two years.
- Budget Committee: Dortch (Lead), Naples, Thompson, Nagelhout

- Staying thoughtful of the next academic years GSA Board and the budget we may leave them with. Do not want to raise expectations of the graduates and have them expect the same from future GSA's.
- Krest – Possibly raising the GSA fee to 4.50 per credit hour – keeping the funds available for future resources and events.
- Dortch & Carney both spoke about getting the word out to students about the GSA, what we can offer them, transparency, why we are here etc.

#### Grad Appreciation Week March 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>:

- 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grad School – remembrance gifts for the grad students
- Getting undergrads involved – creating an undergraduate retention award for UG to committee to a graduate program at Buff State
- 75 fun facts, resources, or events about the graduate school
- Simmeth suggests we run an event everyday throughout the week. Giving everyone an opportunity to join if they cannot make it on the other days.
- Campus house – membership only facility, booked for that Monday, possibly booking it for two days.

#### Ideas for Grad Student Event in November:

- Free food/survival guide handed out to graduate students before or after their classes.
- Need a topic for a presentation or workshop – work/life balance, networking, communication skills
- Gaining perspective from other campuses / possibly reaching out to their undergrads? Letting them know about the GSA

#### Approving budget for November event:

- \$750.00
- Simmeth – motioned
- Carney – second
- Votes – 8: Yay 0: Nay

#### General Event Planning:

- Civil Engagement – Krest suggesting we set up events for Buffalo State students to volunteer and get involved in specific industries pertaining to their interest.
- Simmeth suggests we have another meeting specifically for event planning – something the E board can do on the side?

#### Deans Report:

- Vacancy available on the teacher education counsel
- Getting a logo or pin done for our 75<sup>th</sup> year as a grad school
- Getting the word out about grad programs at buffalo state (reaching out to alma maters for advertising? Is this possible – SN)

Closing Comments:

- Getting a time together that Floss can teach us all Robert's Rule
- Need to amend our constitution – schools went from four to three
- Are we keeping three senators for each school or dropping it down to two?