

GSA Meeting Minutes - November 12, 2021

Roll call:

- Krest - here
- Simmeth- here
- Naples – here
- Thompson – here
- Livingston – here
- Carney – here
- Sisyukin – here
- Nagelhout – not present
- Colligan – here
- Houseknecht – here

Approval of minutes:

0 – no's 9 – yes

Approval of Agenda:

0 – no's 9 – yes

Vote of new senators:

Suzanne Colligan – Senator for school of education

Motion – Simmeth

Second – Naples

Vote – 0 – no's 9 – yes

Jacob Houseknecht – Senator for school of education

Motion – Carney

Second – Thompson

Vote – 0 – no's 9 – yes

Presidents Report:

- Graduates no longer have to pay application fee to reapply for a new program if or when they decide to change majors.
- Criminal Justice – combined pathways program for undergrad and graduate credits. Saving students time and money. Possibly expanding this to other programs.
- Student diversity fellowship – funding dropped last year but state reallocated 90% of those funds.
- Looking into limiting part time funding for students through the GSA due to being here longer than full time students.
- School by school capstone competition
- We lost 72 grad students which is a huge loss in funding, so we have to be careful with where we place our funds.
- Social media campaign – engagement has been limited so getting the word out is important.
- Constitutional amendments – what do you want to see changed with in the constitution? Bring it up at the next meeting
- Changes for grad student reimbursement research funds – increase for full time and limit part time. Retention scholarship for future graduate students finishing their undergrad at buff state
- Tabling events schedule – in person interactions, social media outreach
- Upcoming events – Career development center workshop on what can set you apart from others. Working on presentations from local groups and more professional workshops and events.

Vice Presidents Reports:

- GSA giveaway – getting enough for future GSA
- UG useful swag – tote bags, socks, long sleeve shirts,
- Food – make your own trail mix, build your own lunch.
- Brainstorming session – 3 sections stood out (1) Community service/outreach (2) entertainment (3) Miscellaneous
- Malika Thompson would like to focus on doing an organizational fair – ideal for students to join organizations grad chapters – outside of grad programs.
- Gym fee for graduate students – Carney suggests asking for a one or two time pass to see if grad students find it useful before buying membership.

Vice President for Finance:

- Still vacant – As of now no one on the board is interested in taking on the position.

Vice President of Administration Report:

- Planning for events at the Planetarium and other buildings on campus.

- Getting food, materials, etc to be set up 3 – 6 pm
- QR code for social medias – scan, follow, and grab goodies
- Reached out to Albright to push for the art truck during grad appreciation week

Senator Report:

- NONE

Deans Report:

- Think of things to come – spring semester – events
- Week of March 7th – 11th Grad Student Appreciation Week part of our 150th – Free events during this week – Virtual and in person
- Need to secure people coming in for presentations and workshops
- Senators – think about what will help your school/ program. Ask your students what can the GSA provide you?
- Online community needs more attention

Closing Comments:

- Chelsea – come back with a few examples of swag to figure out budget

Motion to adjourn:

Motion – Chelsea

Second - Livingston