

Graduate Student Association Meeting

Minutes

Friday, April 4, 2014

Bacon Hall 225

5:30 pm

Present	Absent
Thomas Waters Siraj Bah Andrea Gustafson Dr. Kevin Railey Emmanuel Abreu Dinash Lal Ashley Lanning Kaitlyn Marie Gardner Sharmin Jimenez	John MacInnes Jimmy Doran

CALL TO ORDER: President of GSA Thomas Waters called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The Agenda was approved.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: The minutes from Friday, March 7th, 2014 GSA meeting were all approved: Andrea: The scholarship proposal committee is not an ad-hoc committee of Student Wellness. It has been referred to as Scholarship Proposal Committee.

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT:

President Thomas Waters: Thomas: I have reached out to Thomas Gwitt, Secretary to the President, for Dr. Cohen's availability regarding meeting about faculty evaluations. Please consider the dates and time listed on the board; Dr. Cohen also requested Dean Railey's presence, so please be aware of his time. (Dates and times: 04/18: 2pm and later; 04/21: 2pm and after; 04/23: 9am-Noon, 2pm and after) Also, after speaking with Dean Railey although this is scheduled as our last meeting, we think that meeting on May 2nd would be a good idea – at the very least the new E-board can be welcomed on board during this time.

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON: Thomas said most of what I was going to say; I think we need to meet on May 2nd as well. Agreed hosting a senate meeting in May would be a good idea. Creating video testimonials of Graduate Student for GSA/ Graduate school website.

TREASURER REPORT:

1. Recent Expenses:

- Confirmed cost of Graduate Student Night: \$247.80
- No new expenses to report
- Expected cost for GSA pens paid for by personal funds of Marnie, who will submit reimbursement forms: approx. \$175.00

2. Previous funding requests approved:

- **None**

*Please consider continuing to get the word out about funding opportunities available through the GSA.

3. Current GSA balance approximately, \$41,984.13 (as of 04/04/14)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Relations/ Marketing Committee

Kaitlyn: There is no update on the logo. I have not heard or contacted John. I would like to propose a GSA Newsletter. I have completed one for my department. The newsletter can be handed out at Graduate Student Research Night.

Student Wellness Committee

Ashley: 40 participants have registered for the Graduate Student Research Night. I have let them know that they made the cut for their posters to be paid for by the GSA.

- We'll look into expanding the number of participants whose posters we'll pay for. Possibly up to 48 people.

Ashley and Andrea will move forward and follow up about the library's plans to implement a graduate student lounge

Scholarship Proposal Committee

GSA Scholarship guidelines passed unanimously

Amendment for GSA Scholarship

- Thomas: The title of Article IV is incorrect. It is Graduate Student Fee, not Amendments.
- Passed unanimously

Old Business

- All matriculated graduate students can run for College Senate.
- If seats are not filled by election, the GSA President will appoint Senators by recommendation of the Graduate School Dean and approval of GSA Senate by simple majority vote.
 - Passed unanimously

New Business

- GSA College Senate Elections will take place at same time as E-board elections (2014 – 04/13-04/27)

Constituent Questions

- Clarification needed for criteria for funding
- Redress for people unsatisfied with funding also needed to be outlined

ADJOURNMENT at 7:10 p.m.