

First Senate Meeting on November 13, 2012 – Minutes

The chair of the college senate, Dr. Howard Reid talked to the executive members as well as the senators before the meeting began.

He explained some of the rules and regulations of the senate and what it is they do.

Page 5 of the by-laws explains the student number in the senate

He explained that it is very difficult to change the number of students, but we can maybe have more graduate students in the senate.

He wants us to specify who is running the GSA, how many people are in the senate and how they will be elected, and who to turn to for those people involved....

SENATE MEETING

GSA executive board and Senators introduced themselves

First order of business was led by treasurer Jeff SaintDic and he went over the student fee for the spring semester and prioritizing funding for the students.

There were a few questions brought up by senator Charles Mays

- Can the students write grants to raise money
- Have each department have a separate account so that the money raised by the students through different means can go into it
- Social gathering and trips, Charles explained were concerns among the graduate students he spoke to

Jacque: We can hopefully accommodate all of that, because apart from fees all of the money goes back to the students.

There is no money available this semester, as the GSA was just approved.

President and Vice President talked about where we are now in the process and the obstacles we have to overcome.

Dr. Railey led the revising of the constitution and explained that the by-laws can later be amended.

Amendments to the constitution were approved. Kristy moved the changes and Hanne seconded the motion.

The internal control process was reviewed and clarified when questions were brought up.

- There was some discussion about free printing for students and talking to the Graduate Advisory Council.