

Graduate Student Association (GSA)

Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2016 Ketchum 218

Call to Order

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted unanimously.

Remarks from the President: President Shaw: Welcomed everyone and stated that we would be using Roberts Rules to maintain structure of the meeting.

Remarks from Interim Dean Miller: Stated the importance of GSA involvement. Also spoke on wanting to have one session to speak on strategic plan involving Alumni, Graduate Student Faculty, and Graduate Students. Possibly conducting a SWAT analysis on opportunities, threats, strengths and weaknesses. Dr. Miller would like to have this completed by December or January.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Kettle: Stated there is \$32,000 left in the budget. There has been 10 Graduate Student funding requests approved and four more that she has received. The average amount requested from students this semester is roughly \$200 - \$1,200. There is an across the board funding request from the various different schools. Restated students who receive funding must write a success narrative and provide receipts from their trip.

Committee Reports: Social Welfare Committee—Chairman Bowman stated he is doing research and planning of a Happy Hour that would involve additional schools such as UB and Canisus. The date and location are still pending but looking into the Holiday time or next semester.

Committee Reports: Budget and Allocation Committee—Chairman Williams stated he has added 5 members to the committee and plans to have a formal meeting sometime next week with Treasurer Chelsea Kettle in attendance. Stated would like his and Chris Bowman from the Student Welfare Committee's information available on the school website in order for interested students in the committee to have access to contact them.

Old Business: The proposed amendment to be put in place of Article IV, Section 3, Subsection A "The GSA limits funding reimbursement per student per academic year. This limit may be adjusted annually at the discretion of the Treasurer, upon approval by the Senate and in accordance with the annual GSA budget. Sen. Jamal Williams moved for option to vote. Sen. Lauren Rothschild seconded the motion. Amendment approved by an 11 to 1 vote.

Movement to Adjourn is seconded. Session has ended.