

Graduate Student Association (GSA)

Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2015 Campus House

Call to Order

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted unanimously.

Remarks from the Vice President, Joe Tucceri: Vice President Tucceri stated that **President Matos** was unable to attend and that he would be conducting the meeting in place of her. He continued to state that we need to consistently reach out to peers because people barely know we exist.

Remarks from Administrative Liaison, Dr. Kevin Railey: Dean Railey stated that we are now a couple months in and need to work and support each other. We need to arrange GSA meetings every other week while also having sub-committees meet in the middle of that time span. We need to have meetings consistently to have things work efficiently while also moving forward. Essentially there should be a meeting every week which alternate between GSA and sub-committees.

Remarks from Dr. Nicholls: Dr. Nicholls stated that sometimes there is such a thing as over-meeting and over-working. It may be beneficial to have GSA meetings once a month or once every six weeks so that sub-committees can work together and get things done.

Dean Railey stated that if something is already approved in the constitution then we can do it. Networking events are already approved in the constitution. **Senators** think the first week of December is good for a social event for Graduate students. One venue that was suggested is Cole's.

Remarks from the Treasurer, Danielle Delia: **Treasurer Delia** announced that as of now, there have been seven requests for funding. Our balance for available funds is \$61,082.50. A total of \$2,150.00 was funded to three students.

Committee Reports: Social Welfare Committee still has not yet met. It was strongly suggested that a meeting be organized and that the committee start taking action since we are already a little over half way through the semester. The **Budget Committee** has met for a third time and **Chairman Blake** stated that after review and discussion, the Budget Committee decided to turn down the funding packet that was created and provided for consideration by **Treasurer Delia**. This motion was then presented to the **Senators** but having not been provided with the materials and an explanation of its intended purpose and justification, the motion has been tabled under the premise that (1) **Treasurer Delia** will provide each **Senator** with the materials so each person can look it over and (2) the GSA will come back to this matter in a month after having been able to review the materials and make any comments or suggestions so as to make a sound ruling as to whether or not the packet is passed.

New Business: After looking at the Constitution, it was made aware to the E-Board that an E-Board member cannot chair a committee. That being said, the current chairs of the Budget and Social Welfare Committee will step down and the **Senators** will be offered the positions. Upon offering these positions, **Senator Shaw** accepted the position of **Chair** for the **Social Welfare Committee** and **Senator Fynch** accepted the position of **Chair** for the **Budget Committee**. In addition to this, **Senator Cannarozzo** joined the Social Welfare Committee. Lastly, **Secretary Blake, Senator Fynch, Vice President Tucceri, Treasurer Delia, and Dean Railey** will be working on the Graduate Research Fair for 2016.

Movement to Adjourn is seconded. Session has ended.

Attendees:

Dean Railey

Dr. Nicholls

Vice President Tucceri

Secretary Blake

Treasurer Delia

Senator Weselak

Senator Shaw

Senator Fynch

Senator McCormick

Senator Cannarozzo