

Graduate Student Association (GSA)

Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2016 Ketchum 219

Call to Order

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted unanimously.

Remarks from the President: President Matos welcomed everyone back to the spring semester and stated that she looks forward to bringing more awareness to the GSA and the events we will be hosting this year.

Remarks from Administrative Liaison, Dr. Kevin Railey: Dean Railey stated that we need to inform Graduate students about the upcoming elections for the Executive Board positions. He also welcomed everyone back to the spring semester.

Committee Reports: Social Welfare Committee met before the beginning of the semester. **Chairman Shaw** reported that there a bunch of ideas but he just has to call around for dates and pricing. Some of the ideas that are up for consideration are: Canalside, a bowling tournament against various academic departments, Microsoft Office classes, etc. **Chairman Shaw** spoke with Mr. Paul Reynolds in the library and Mr. Reynolds said that the classes would be free because we are students.

New Business: GASPA is holding a conference in February and they are opening up the attendance to all students from all programs of study. The GSA will be funding breakfast and lunch for this event. **President Matos** and the rest of the GSA have made a movement to amend the Graduate Student Constitution, Article IV, Section 11 to read as follows:

“The GSA can award funding to graduate student organizations and/or individual graduate students for programming that would be of benefit to graduate students with approval of the GSA Senate. These monies would come from the Academic Line of the budget. This funding may include, but not be limited to, expenses on marketing and business related purposes, speakers, advertising and food/refreshments.” This will be sent to the graduate student body and voted upon at the next GSA meeting. **Chairman Shaw** will be organizing social events for this semester. **Treasurer Delia** will be researching the cost of t-shirts and other paraphernalia that the GSA can hand out at events. Once **Treasurer Delia** narrows down the selection she will present her findings to the GSA and we will vote on it. The GSA will also be hosting the first annual Thesis Competition, which is to be held on May 6th. Students completing a thesis will be able to enter into the contest and do a 4-minute presentation. The GSA is funding the awards for this competition. The first-place winner will receive \$500.00 and all other contestants will receive \$100.00. It was reported that there are currently 30-40 students completing a thesis (December 2015 and Spring 2016 semester). **Senator Shaw** inquired as to what fund this money will be coming out of. After discussing this, it was determined that

the money will come out of the Social Welfare account. **Vice President Tucceri** informed us on how the GSA is the only part of Buffalo State that has no association with Student Life. **Dean Railey** stated that he would like Sarah from Student Life to come in and speak to the GSA because the GSA technically falls under Academic Affairs. **Vice President Tucceri** said that he will contact Sarah and request that she come to the next meeting to speak with us. **President Matos** concluded the new business by stating that the elections are coming up and that it is important for the seats to be filled. She encouraged everyone to spread the word.

Movement to Adjourn is seconded. Session has ended.

Attendees:

Dean Railey

President Matos

Vice President Tucceri

Secretary Blake

Treasurer Delia

Senator Weselak

Senator Shaw