

Graduate Student Association
MINUTES
Wednesday October 25, 2017

Present: Ana Aparicio
Megan Lyons
Natalia Grube
Jaclyn Taylor
Zenith Isidor
Eman Abbas
Dené Rivera-Shanley

Absent: Ilya Geller

Meeting called to order 10:47 am

Officer Reports

1. President, Ana – Silberman Common Time was a huge success with 500-700 attendees. The GSC did a very good job running the event and received 91 responses of feedback. No bad comments, all suggestions or additions for the next Common Time. Hunter Clean Up flyers were given out at the Common Time, approximately 10 people signed up, we need 30 more. Eman suggested allowing friends/family to come along. A sheet of all the names of guests can be submitted to Public Safety and the Welcome Desk so those are allowed in Silberman for registration.
2. VP University Relations, Ilya –
3. VP Club Relations, Jaclyn – Last meeting a long-term disaster relief fund was discussed. A Credit Union is giving money directly to the families in need. She is interested in doing some sort of fundraiser either informally or a larger planned event.
4. Treasurer, Eman – Eman is starting the paperwork for the Self-Defense Class on November 7, 7-9. GSA will be paying an honorarium to the man running the course. A Farmer's Share is starting where Hunter Community members can sign up for monthly bas of produce/eggs and other items.
5. Communications Officer, Megan – Facebook page is live, please share with friends. Trivia Tuesday would ask students to answer a question or name the location of a picture. The first person to answer correctly wins a water bottle, stress ball, etc.
6. Sustainability Officer, Natalie – The Research Award needs clarification because we are unsure of what non-class-credit means. Nat will talk to CA about how to word it so thesis students can apply.
7. Board Member-at-Large, Zenith – Purple PEERiod Project is the new name for the Menstrual Care Committee. There will be \$16,000 put aside to distribute menstrual care products across all Hunter Campuses. Currently the team is looking for locations to focus their distribution, including OSA, USG, etc. Team members are each in charge of specific locations to work out with departments and offices their participation. Advertising will take place around campus and GSA will supplement with our various outlets.
8. Office Manager, Dene – N/A

New Business

Discussion: Budget Approval

Motion: GUAPA Budget - \$5,000 – most of budget is for printing and workshops and a conference. ***Will let GUAPA know if they put their conference costs in the budget they cannot have travel awards***

Second: Jaclyn

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstentions, opposed

Motion: National Honor Society for Dance Arts Budget - \$5,000

Second: Meg

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstentions, opposed

Discussion: Meeting Dates Moving Forward

We are having monthly meetings from now on. Every week Ana is sending out an email weekly so voting will be done through email. Please pay attention to your emails so that voting is done efficiently.

Discussion: Conferences for your department and others

Each officer has a list of departments, find a conference in the tri-state area taking place in the spring and add it to the excel sheet (department chair contacts).

Megan - Music, Art & History, BioChemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemistry

Zenith - Social Work, Computer Science, Dance, Economics/Accounting,

English,

Natalia - Anthropology, Geography, History, Mathematics & Statistics,

Philosophy

Jaclyn - School Counseling, Psychology, Romance Languages, Sociology/Social Research

Ilya - Urban Planning, Curriculum & Teaching, Special Education, Physical Therapy

Eman - Nutrition, Nursing, Classical & Oriental Studies, Film & Media Studies, Physics & Astronomy, Theater

Will be sent out to department chairs to share with students so students apply earlier.

Discussion: Silberman Stress Week

Finals week will hopefully be filled with meditation hours, therapy animals, and MSB club will hopefully have events. All still in the planning but we need to spread the word once it is finalized.

Discussion: Lounge Manager

Our new manager is Liz, her information is on our GSA website.

Discussion: Office printer/computer/garbage

The second printer and computer are now up and running, they won't run well but will work. Take out garbage every time you leave.

Discussion: Club Budgets due November 1

This is so that they are all approved before the CA meeting.

Travel Award Voting

Motion: Karina Cornelio – Requesting \$210

Second: Jaclyn

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstentions, opposed

Motion: Danielle Sara Eagon– Requesting \$160

Second: Jaclyn

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstentions, opposed

Motion: Daniel Hoffman – Requesting \$140

Second: Jaclyn

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstentions, opposed

Motion: Natalia Grube – Requesting \$500

Second: Jaclyn

Vote: 4 in favor, 2 abstentions, opposed

Motion: End Meeting – 12:00 pm

Second: Meg

Vote: 5 in favor, 2 abstentions, 0 opposed