

Graduate Student Association
MINUTES
Wednesday November 15, 2017

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

Absent: N/A

Meeting called to order 10:15 am

Officer Reports

1. President, Ana – Clean Up was very successful, pictures will be forthcoming in an email. Deans were very happy with the process and gave lots of compliments.
2. VP University Relations, Ilya – N/A
3. VP Club Relations, Jaclyn – Looking into Meditation group starting at Silberman, it looks like Tuesdays may be the day. This will be part of the Low-Stress Week at Silberman, perhaps compensate Meditation Leaders with small gift card for travelling so much.
4. Treasurer, Eman – N/A
5. Communications Officer, Megan – Send anything to her for G-Blast.
6. Sustainability Officer, Natalie – N/A
7. Board Member-at-Large, Zenith – Purple PEERiod update – several lounges have agreed to support the project by distributing products. Several places are waiting for follow up or confirmation. The budget has been approved but waiting on a couple things before ordering. Department Chairs have not been responsive in their willingness to participate. Thinking about small business cards that have distribution locations. More promotion during De-Stress early December event and any Common Time.

New Business

Discussion: GSA Complaints regarding Dene

The following issues were discussed with Dene:

1. Complaint #1 - Dene yelled and cursed at students to leave TH117 during their confirmed room reservation. (Welcome Back Party)
2. Complaint #2 - Dene raised her voice and lost her temperament with 1(maybe 2) SRC employees over a scheduling that was already confirmed. (Halloween Party)
3. Dene provided contradicting information to clubs from what we had voted on and has directly stepped over our decisions by not following through with them.

4. Dene refused to provide Megan log in information for our Google accounts (gmail, drive, docs) since September.

5. Dene has overstepped her job boundaries, and speaking on behalf of CA and OSA that has created great tension between offices, and clubs.

Dene gave her side to the story which sometimes conflicted with accounts from other witnesses/participants.

It was revealed that purchases have been made through the GSA Quill Account that are not accounted for in our offices or for our events. These purchases were brought up to Dene; she did not deny the fact that these were personal purchases to benefit her and not the GSA or the student body.

Motion: Move to fire Dene

Second: Megan

Vote: 5 in favor, 2 abstentions, 0 opposed

Motion: Terminate Dene Effective Immediately

Second: Megan

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstentions, 1 opposed

Motion: End Meeting

Second: Jaclyn

Vote: 7 in favor, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed