

Graduate Student Association
MINUTES
Wednesday August 30, 2017

Present: Ana Aparicio
Megan Lyons
Natalia Grube – arrived 11:06
Ilya Geller – arrived 11:35
Jaclyn Taylor
Zenith Isidor
Dené Rivera-Shanley
Absent: Eman Abbas – school conflicts

Meeting called to order 11:00 am

Officer Reports

1. President, Ana – Next meeting take everyone into the GSA Office to get oriented, also next meeting go over Travel Grant Process so everyone is clear. To login to the computer, use HunterNetID like used for Wifi.
- ~~2. VP University Relations, Ilya –~~
3. VP Club Relations, Jaclyn – Has gotten paperwork submitted for the GSA sponsored Meditation group. In the future, a protocol can be set for approving clubs; she will bring a draft of her ideas to the next meeting. Need to check on which types of clubs are not allowed, for example sports clubs; also need to remember the Non-Discrimination Guidelines to ensure no clubs would violate. Eman suggested to have an orientation to the GSA Office as well as writing down small tasks that everyone can do during their office hours when they are not busy.
- ~~4. Treasurer, Eman –~~
5. Communications Officer, Megan – Website is updated and running smoothly, please send her anything you want added to the website. G-Blast is in the process of becoming graphic and text-based. Adding poster about the Graduate Lounge's existence to raise awareness.
6. Sustainability Officer, Natalie – Nothing new to update on!
7. Board Member-at-Large, Zenith – Eman and Zenith went to the Nutrition Program Orientation to introduce themselves and the GSA. Also attended the two social work orientations.
8. Office Manager, Dene – [Hunter Screens use requires a form on the OSA Website](#) to make a request. She suggests that the parties are not put on the screens to avoid undergraduates showing up. Any event hosted automatically goes on the OSA website. Enlarging posters to place on easel can be done on campus or to Staples/FedEx.

Discussion: New Club Applications

Motion: Approve Animal Behavior & Conservation Club #144

Discussion: N/A

Second: Jaclyn

Vote: All in favor, No abstentions, No opposed

Motion: Approve Counseling Connect #134

Discussion: Ana brought up the fact that any funds given to them can only be used on current graduate students. Brining alumni in as speakers can use funds for payment. Jaclyn has spoken to this group and they intended to create a Facebook page to connect with alumni rather than spending money on them.

Second: Ana

Vote: All in favor, No abstentions, No opposed

Motion: Approve Macro Social Work Student Network #153

Discussion: Jaclyn noticed they mentioned Physical Activity which could become problematic, they need to provide clarification. Also need clarification on what they mean by Travel. Will be approved if all stipulations are met.

Second: Natalia

Vote: All in favor, No abstentions, No opposed

Motion: Approve Pinky Promise #174

Discussion: Need to receive a letter of approval from national organization, they noted they are affiliated. The national website of this group requires all members to follow stipulations that may be interpreted as discriminatory. If approved, club needs to write a constitution that includes decisions made on the national guidelines. Will contact them about meeting with one or more GSA Board to clarify their purpose and stance on these issues.

Second: MOTION TABLED – PENDING APPROVAL DEPENDENT ON DISCUSSION WITH GSA

Vote: N/A

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Discussion: Quality Questionnaire

Sign in sheet wherever – write down email. Who is in and out. 3 students randomly asked to fill out. Check we're doing ok. Put on website so everyone can access it too.

Discussion: Travel Award

Will be Google Form so we always have access to the submitted forms. Due December 1, 2017 for students who want to go to a conference between August 26 and December 31. If students want January through Spring semester, that goes into the spring submission.

Discussion: Hurricane Harvey

Two organizations in Houston receive donations and deliver 100% donations to the centers. Items needed are listed on the flier to be posted and can be handed in to the GSA Office. Amazon list made to show examples of the items needed.

Discussion: GSA Research Award Proposal

Award would be to help researchers defer the cost of expenses toward research or field work. Natalia will send out a final draft of the proposal and will work with Megan on

creating an online form for application submissions. Possible presentation of winners' works at the end of the year to showcase their progress.

Motion: End Meeting

Second: Jaclyn

Vote: All in favor, No abstentions, No opposed

NOTE

As of 8/30/17, the Pinky Promise Club has rescinded their application to charter for this year.