Graduate Student Organization

First Spring Meeting 27 March 2019

Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
   1. Jonah calls meeting to order
2. Attendance
   1. Quorum made
3. President’s Welcome
4. President’s Report
   1. Guest Speaker – Dr. Philip de Mahy
      1. Did not show, Jonah discusses Grad Student Appreciation Week events on his behalf
         1. Dine like a Scholar – 3/31 6 pm in the Atchafalaya Ballroom
         2. Lunch and Learn – 4/1 11:30-1 Constantine Forum
         3. Grad Student Appreciation Week Keynote Address – 4/2 6 pm LITE center
         4. Faculty Breakfast – 4/3 8 am 221 Dupre Library
         5. Feed your Mind by James Jackson Community of Scholars – 4/3 11:30-1
         6. Grad Student Research Showcase Paper and Paper Competitions, Say it in Six competition – MUST SIGN UP BY MIDNIGHT 3/27 – 4/3-4/4
         7. Grad donuts – all day Thursday
         8. Research Showcase Awards and Trivia at JSP – 4/5, 3-4 (awards), 4-6 (trivia)
   2. Jonah – eboard has met twice to work on a checklist on how to apply for funding and what to do afterwards
   3. Jonah lets everyone know that Tanya is on our side and to be nice to her if she contacts for you.
      1. Must provide Tanya with receipts because no student can be refunded unless a receipt showing it has been paid or a bank/credit card statement
      2. Jonah asks for reps to remind their students about this
      3. Justin – must be a receipt with applicant’s name on it
   4. Jonah – reps must find a new rep if they are graduating this semester or over the summer. If possible bring the new elect to a meeting or eboard meeting so they know what’s going on
   5. Jonah and Jamie emphasize the need for new eboard members and that no student will receive any money for an indefinite amount of time unless there is a complete eboard
5. VP’s Report
   1. Report from Advocacy Committee
      1. Daniel is absent
         1. Fumy – Daniel says to ask reps to encourage grad students to speak up early in the semester if victimized by grading
         2. Jonah – come to us as early as possible so GSO can handle it properly so no student fails out of school and fix the issue
6. Treasurer/Secretary’s Report
   * 1. Jamie – we are planning on working on the website 4/4
     2. Jonah – send us updated pictures
   1. Current Budget
      1. Justin – very little funds after the first meeting - $372.53
      2. Few applications were received
         1. Travel on waiting list should a miracle happen
         2. Research funding – remaining budget funded three dissertation applications and partially fund the last research application
7. Report from Communication Committee
8. Old Business
   1. None
9. New Business
   1. Research and Dissertation Supplies Appropriations
      1. Jamie motioned to vote, Architecture seconds, all in favor – PASSED – now in a negative budget.
   2. By-law Edit – Section V1 – Deadline for Conditional Approval of Applications
      1. Justin – conditionally approved applications require the conference to send an acceptance of academic duties and provide it to GSO for reimbursement. Bylaws say hand in by end of the semester
      2. Propose that these are due a week before the third meeting so any funds not given to these students due to lack of conference acceptance will be deemed void to free up funds for waiting lists of travel applications
      3. Modern Languages – has this been a problem before?
      4. Justin – No, just a proactive measure
      5. Rep - ok with idea, shouldn’t make it take effect until the next semester
      6. Jonah – summer or fall?
      7. Justin – summer is one meeting so it’s due or die at that point
      8. Communications Disorders motioned, seconded, all in favor - PASSED
10. Other Advocacy/Concerns/Questions
    1. Fumy – SGA donated money to GSO to help with dissertation and binding fees
       1. Justin – under the impression any funds received would be split 70/30, but bylaws don’t have anything for this particular situation so this money would only go to these applications
    2. Jonah – whenever you have concerns please bring them up in the meetings
11. Announcements
    1. GSO Checklist for Applications and Reimbursement
    2. Encourage Representative attendance at all GSO council and committee meetings
    3. Graduating Executive Board Members and Representatives
       1. President, Vice-President, Secretary, PR positions
       2. Proxy for Treasurer over summer session
       3. Filling representative positions
    4. Shut up and Write
       1. Tuesdays from 9-11 – Louisiane Room (219)
       2. Wednesdays from 11-1 – Bayou Room AB (211)
12. Adjournment
    1. Everyone motioned, seconded, and passed it