Graduate Student Organization

First Fall Meeting 19 September 2018

Agenda with Meeting Notes

QUORUM MADE - Present Departments:

Criminal Justice, Coun. Ed., English, Modern Lang., System’s Tech, Geo, Chem Eng., Civil, Kins., Architecture, Music, Comm Dis., Bio, PETE, ENVS, ED/UP, Comm, Comp Sci, MATH, Mechanical, Psych, Informatics

1. Call Meeting to Order
   1. President announces start of meeting. Says to make sure you are signed in as a proxy for applicant or rep.
2. Attendance
   1. QUORUM MADE – see above
3. President’s Welcome
   1. Reminder – only reps can vote.
   2. Introduces Philip and MFK.
4. President’s Report
   1. Guest Speaker - Dean Mary Farmer-Kaiser
      1. Welcome back to all (record grad student enrollment; lots of new faculty).
      2. Update with parking issue!!!!
         1. Asks students for input for spring semester parking, driver safety training.
         2. Struggling with parking for students and faculty.
            1. English provided ideas to MFK initially - MFK went to transportation services, Transportation wants to meet to mediate the situation.
            2. Parking crisis will NOT be solved, but progress is being made.
            3. Some parking will be BACK in spring, but not all 450 lost will be brought back.
            4. Most parking is near Cherry St.
            5. Parking near facilities and maintenance
            6. Trying to purchase lot by Old Tyme/Lords
            7. People parking in Cherry St lots – shuttle will bring you to front of library – runs all day 7 am to 6 pm regular schedule – 6 pm to 11:15 pm call for shuttle - on Ride Systems app

4825305 - # to call for shuttle to pick you up somewhere

* + - * 1. Two shuttles run this route for Cherry St.
        2. Not a lot of calls right now for this shuttle
        3. Lighting in lots is improving – asks for students if more lighting is needed
        4. Likely not taking out grass areas in front of Oliver hall due to the connection to the Lords lot
        5. No cost drop for Girard parking due to a bond that was used to construct the parking garage
        6. Talking about making freshman nonresidents have to park at cajun field
        7. Possibly prioritizing lots for GAs and grad students
        8. Should Grad TA/Ras/etc be ranked for parking?

If we want to do that, bring it to MFK

* + - * 1. Should we have a lottery for a parking permit? Or first come first serve?

If we want to do one of these, bring it to MFK

* + - * 1. Wants us to weigh in
        2. English – is the work being done regarding parking involving undergrad and grad/grad assistants to park together or separately?

Commuters of any level considered in one pool

Very few permits being sold to commuters

Undergrad student workers in the loop – should we let them be in the same pool as GAs and adjuncts?

* + - * 1. Architecture – night permits required?

Yes - $25

Should we change this?

Willing to change this

Night permits are new – in effect based on the lot

MFK thought if you have a regular permit you don’t need a night permit

* + - * 1. Informatics – are tickets here considered real tickets or just basic/”non-important” tickets/don’t affect the student outside of campus?

Don’t affect off campus

* + - * 1. VP – had to buy a new permit, couldn’t, got a ticket – Transportation wouldn’t appeal – why?

MFK surprised by non-appeal – will talk to them about it

Night permit issue is why VP was ticketed

* + - * 1. English – anyone who works here should have access to parking

Full time (Most important) 🡪 Adjunct (Second important) 🡪 Student worker (third important)

Limited parking leads to this ranking

* + - * 1. MAT – wanted a permit, confusing due to needing a letter

Ask advisor, make sure you registered for classes

* + - * 1. Why does EVERYONE get to buy permits weeks before GAs?

MFK wants to figure this out

* + - * 1. Driver Safety training?

Resolved? – No

Has to go through loops to get grad students to complete this, need a new way around this

* + - * 1. Parking Lot Times

Wharton lots closed @4:45 when signs says it will be open to all at that time

Transportation services changed everything on their website with no announcement to students and faculty and that is an issue

* 1. Guest Speaker - Philip de Mahy
     1. Advertises and hands out flyers for grad school road trip, shut up and write, dissertation/thesis workshop, office hours for editors, trivia night, lunch and learn series, 3MT competitions coming to fall semesters (preliminary round in November)

1. VP’s Report
   1. Report from Advocacy Committee
      1. Civil Engineering nominated – wins - Daniel
2. Treasurer/Secretary’s Report
   1. Current Budget
      1. Apologizes for separating apps and emailing people saying when their apps will be looked at and it wasn’t exactly right
      2. Priority goes to TWAD, second research equipment, third TWOAD
      3. Received ~$22,000, with last semester ~$24,000, given BEFORE last day of student enrollment
      4. Enrollment is UP – budget will possibly increase, but at this time we are only using the current budget - $24,508
      5. Will look at break down for current budget 🡪 70% TWAD & 30% research bylaw
3. Report from Communication Committee
   1. No major update – plz like the FB page!!!
4. Old Business
   1. None
5. New Business:
   1. TWAD Appropriations
      1. 58 applications received
      2. Abigail Pratt, Brittany Pitrucha, Elizabeth Barron, Ashley Lauren Dubois, Jourdan Monfrey, Udaysree Buchupalli, Khalid Alattas, Bappaditya Dey will not be seen this meeting.
      3. Jarrett Kaufman application – asked for $500, going to Minnesota (not a Tier 4), thus dropping his amount to $300.
      4. $200 passed to NEXT applicant based on first come first serve – Seema Mallavalli
      5. VP motioned, GEOL seconds, PASSES
   2. Research Equipment/Supplies Appropriations
      1. VP motioned, GEOL seconds, PASSES
   3. TWOAD Appropriations
      1. NO MONEY
   4. Nomination for Vice President
      1. Daniel – Civil Engineering
   5. Appropriation 12 – 18 Justin Scioli
      1. Travel with academic duties
      2. Was in Smithsonian out of the country from April - August
      3. Received paperwork when he was out of country, submitted forms after return and could not get them in on time
      4. Knew that the green forms were waiting for him and did not contact GSO to explain the situation and waited until he got back to handle it
      5. Per bylaws, a student is allowed to hand in forms within two weeks into next semester
      6. Per bylaws, funds not reimbursed from one semester that are allocated to a student and liquidated into the following semester’s budget
      7. VP motioned, GEOL and others second
         1. 3 abstained, 4 in favor, rest opposed – OPPOSED
      8. Add a bylaw that talks about situations like this to make a case about submitting late applications
   6. Appropriation 24 – 18 Siroos Madani Reimbursement
      1. Didn’t know about deadline and green forms to submit
         1. Fumy asks to table that motion
         2. Officially TABLED
   7. Appropriation 222 – 18 Kimberly Southwick-Thompson
      1. Applied for funding for a summer conference during the fall
      2. Reviewed the bylaws
         1. Can they apply in the fall? Or is it deemed void?
         2. Student who wrote the bylaw agrees with Kimberly
         3. We should talk about editing the bylaw about voiding to change semester to intersession
            1. Jessica motioned, Linda seconds
            2. Fumy mentioned a potential bylaw change of if applicants need to be present unless there is an issue (talked about briefly at this time, then moved on)
         4. Motioned by Linda, seconded by many reps (including geo, English) to accept her app
         5. ACCEPTED
6. Other Advocacy/Concerns/Questions
   1. Communications Disorders
      1. Called for a shuttle during meeting – told her all buses are on restricted routes from Cajun field to campus and will not pick them up
   2. Bio
      1. Vote on lottery for parking?
         1. Bio – suggests talking to each department for opinions
   3. Modern Lang
      1. Lets make a survey monkey to gauge what students would like to
      2. English agrees
7. Announcements
   1. Encourage rep attendance at meetings
      1. Jonah discusses
   2. Graduating reps
      1. Jonah discusses
   3. Office of Sustainability Zero Waste Goalie needs volunteers
      1. Architecture rep gives info
   4. Graduate Student Symposium (Oct. 12) - Call for Abstracts (BIOL dept.)
      1. Bio rep gives info
   5. Shut up and Write – Tuesdays (Evangeline Room) and Wednesdays (Billeaud 106) for the entirety of fall semester
   6. Grad School Trivia Night – Sept. 28 4-6 pm @ JSP – free event, must sign up online (see FB event)
8. Adjournment
   1. Fumy motioned, all second