**Graduate Student Organization**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Fall 2016**

* Meeting called to order – 4:30
* Approval of last meeting’s minutes (Motioned and seconded)
	+ Approved
* Dean of Graduate School Dr. Mary Farmer-Kaiser speaking:
	+ She encouraged GSO to work jointly with SGA for effective advocacy of the graduate student’s affairs.
	+ She clarified about the new university policy about the housing rent of married students(Residing in Cajun Village).
	+ She encouraged to write GSO something forceful about the payment method to cashier’s office through credit card.
	+ The council thanked her for her continuous support and valuable time for GSO.
* Amanda Capelli announced about Deep South Conference.
* Update on GSO finances as of 7/13/16
	+ Travel - $17,853.68
	+ Research - $7651.57
	+ Operating Costs - $1200-$562.94(Spent for applications printing and rep. Training) = $637.06
* Hearing of student applications for funding
* Remaining fund rolled over to fall 2016 second meeting
* Travel - $0.00
	+ Research - $3386.96
	+ Operating Costs - $637.06
* Funding for Biology Symposium:
* Discussion:

We had a serious discussion about funding for this program with the representative of the symposium. Because of the fact that GSO is lacking funds already for its regular business and also since the program is useful only for Biology students and not for every graduate students, majority of council members expressed the view that this program should not be funded by GSO.

* Voting on funding Biology Symposium:

Denied by majority votes.

* Old business
	+ Adjust bylaws to include “first come/first serve” understanding:

Discussion:

We had a serious discussion about this issue as we ran out of travel fund and several genuine applications for travel could not be funded. Lots of ideas came to discussion and some of the ideas we discussed are listed below:

1. To divide the travel fund in three categories “local”, “out of state” and “international” instead of two categories proposed by Nicole Barry, Representative, MCHE
2. To make a judgement on conference and research. Differentiate between main author and co-author and distribute the funds accordingly proposed by Amber Slaven Representative, ENG.
3. Divide the fund into different categories as “hotel”, “registration”, “flight” and others and distribute the fund accordingly proposed by Ana P. Costa Representative, BIOL.
4. Start the online application system and give access to all the representatives to look at the applications before the meeting proposed by Jude Monte, Representative, NURS

5. The council decided to form a task force comprising following members:

1. Nicole Barry, Representative, MCHE
2. Jude Monte, Representative, NURS
3. Ellie Spain, Representative, MBA
4. Ashley Veillon, Representative, M.A.T.
5. Khalid Alattas, Representative, CACS
6. Salman Sakib, Representative, CIVE
7. Marrisa Young, Representative, CODI

The task force will work on the ideas we discussed during the meeting and give its opinion on the application process and distribution of GSO funds effectively it on the second meeting.

(Motioned and seconded)

Approved

* New business:
	+ Discuss Budget situation and second meeting applications.
	+ Student email concerns and open forum for students concerns.
	+ Discuss a new vote for adding additional student fees for GSO budget/future help.
* No Questions, Concerns, Advocacy.
* **Adjournment**

**Attendance of the meeting:**

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| **Total No. of available representatives:26** | **Quorum:** **14 representatives** | **No. of representatives present:** **25 (96%)** |  |

**Representatives not attending fall meeting:**

1. Chemical Engineering
2. Kinesiology