**Graduate Student Organization**

**Minutes for the 1st meeting for the Fall Semester**

**(9-23-15)**

**The following amounts remain in the GSO budget:**

The remaining funds left in the travel budget is $19.62.

The remaining funds left in the research budget is $1,600.27.

Announcement was made that the current GSO president will step down at the end of the semester, and positions will available within the GSO executive council by the 3rd GSO meeting.

A proposal was made that there be formal requirements for eligibility to serve on the executive council. The motion was made (and seconded) as follows:

**Eligibility for Executive positions within GSO are:**

* In order to be eligible for election to the Executive Council, an individual must have a history of at least one semester (excluding summer semesters) of service experience on the General Council of the GSO.
* In order to be eligible for election to the position of President of the Executive Council, an individual must have a history of at least two semesters (excluding summer semesters) of service on the General Council of the GSO.

**The general council voted unanimously to implement these new requirements, and these will be written, as listed above, into the Bylaws of the GSO.**

Current PR Representative, Elizabeth Melvin, has served the GSO in a variety of roles over the years, and will be stepping down from her role as PR Representative. A nomination was made that Electrical Engineering Rep, Jason Bush, take on the role, and a vote was made. Our new PR Officer, by unanimous vote, is Jason Push!

Representative Elizabeth Melvin noted that students have not been aware of/using the SGA-funded extra printing allowances. Discussion about this topic revealed that lack of printing funds have been an issue with students in a variety of departments, and that frustrated students have taken to using their own or departmental resources to for printing. Any discrepancies in printing see Elizabeth Melvin eal04043@louisiana.edu.

Reminder: Any representative who fails to attend a meeting forfeits funding for their entire department for the following meeting. Please make sure to attend all meetings or send a proxy. Please try to stay for the entire meeting.

**The list of departments not represented at the first GSO meeting of the Fall semester:**

**Civil Engineering**

**Education**

**Nursing**