Graduate Student Organization

Spring Meeting #1 21 February 2018

Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order at 5:45
2. President’s Welcome from Jonah because Brian’s video/audio was bad from the Skype call.
3. Assistant Dean of the Graduate School Philip de Mahy’s Welcome
   1. Lunch and Learn presentations
   2. Dissertation boot camps
4. Report from Advocacy Committee
   1. Advocacy committee report to Jonah
5. Report from Communication Committee
   1. Nothing reported
6. Current Budget
   1. Review budget from last year – Approximately $27,000.00
   2. Waiting on some final paperwork to get through the Graduate school Office
7. Review Applications for Funding/Report from Funding Committee
   1. Applications for Travel with Academic Duties and Research Supplies
   2. Applications funded totaled $17259.38 for the first meeting of 2018
8. Old business:
   1. Housing Issue
      1. Jessica recommended getting in touch with AAUP.
      2. Fumy will take lead on this issue and get numbers and information.
         1. Will get in touch with Istiaq for housing issue and Jessica for AAUP
      3. Motion to bring SGA passed
      4. Bring to President Savoie’s attention?
         1. Asst. Dean de Mahy says last resort.
         2. Include Asst. Dean de Mahy in conversation in case he can help
      5. How do we get numbers?
         1. Fumy will get information and bring back to council.
   2. Off-site readings for English applications
      1. Nomination to bring information to funding committee when we have a treasurer.
      2. Motion from Kim, seconded by Marissa, approved by council
9. New Business:
   1. Nomination for Treasurer
      1. Fumilayo Rita - nominated herself, passed by council
      2. Funding committee
         1. Justin Lesser
         2. Adam Trahan
         3. Sanjeev Pusilari
      3. Funding committee will meet before next meeting and discuss by-law language for English Creative Writing students.
   2. Nomination for PR Officer
      1. Pending / tabled
   3. La Carte Card Issue
      1. Jonah explained the La Carte card issue that happened over the summer.
      2. Students should not use La Carte card or have professors use the card for them.
      3. Any questions, email e-board.
   4. Prior semester applications
      1. Council voted to fund the $1,500 in prior semester applications with 4 dissents.
      2. Review procedure for conditional approvals.
      3. Motion to address by-law clean up by Justin, Marissa seconded, all passed.
      4. Question about summer applications for spring graduates.
   5. Hunger Task Force
      1. First Meeting
      2. Café Fleur Du Lis Inspection
      3. Funding
      4. GSO Member to help out
         1. Fumy will go to meetings when Jonah and Linda can’t.
10. Other Advocacy/Concerns/Questions
    1. Housing issue: Students graduating only have two weeks to vacate, but what about children in school?
    2. Jessica motioned to add Advocacy agenda and Marissa seconded, approved by council
11. Adjournment- Fumy motioned and Marissa seconded, approved by council