Graduate Student Organization

First Summer Meeting 16 July 2019

Agenda with Meeting Notes

1. Call Meeting to Order
   1. John calls meeting to order
2. Attendance
   1. Quorum met
3. President’s Welcome
4. President’s Report
   1. Guest Speaker – Dr. Philip de Mahy
      1. 2nd annual GradEats competition
      2. Grad Bingo – destigmatize taking advantage of resources and help students with food insecurities
         1. Fun and raise awareness of food related issues
         2. Collect recipes made for 4 under $10
         3. Will be added to last year’s cook book and prizes given out
            1. Communicative Disorders- Do they post it to the grad school pages?
            2. Phil- Post to social media using #ULGradEats
            3. Criminal Justice- Is there a deadline?
            4. Phillip - Cut off is 2 to 2.5 weeks from now
      3. Deadlines for graduation
         1. Deadline has been changed for manuscripts to July 15th
         2. Students are to contact Phillip directly to get it in if they haven’t and are planning to graduate this summer.
      4. Grad events
         1. Planning on doing lunch and breakfast related events for grad students
         2. Locations will rotate around campus more

If departments have big dates let the grad school know so everyone can be included in upcoming events as much as possible.

* + 1. New Stats Lab
  1. NAGPS
     1. John – We have been contacted by NAGPS. They are a lobbying group that wants to see if we are interested to join them.
        1. If anyone is interested in going to their national meeting let us know because we would like to send someone to see what they are about and ask questions.
  2. Effort to prevent budget shortfall
     1. John – Every semester halfway through the semester we run out of money and have come up with ideas for more funding. GSO charges grad students a fee of $15. Previously they have voted to increase it to $25 but it would have to be voted on by the entire student body. John suggested an endowment. Need at least $25,000 and collect off of the interest. This means we would need a sizable endowment. It is a good long-term goal, but how much do we need and how many students do we need to fund each semester? We can also look at different ways to distribute money to students. Some have suggested a graduating gift i for classes to give to GSO or withhold an amount every semester until we have a base for an endowment. Also, in order to get a better handle on need for the next year we need you to continue to have students fill out applications even when we run out of funds for the semester.
        1. Communicative Disorders- Suggest looking into more at fundraising options. Do they need to fill out applications in totality with faculty letters and signatures?
        2. Fumi- You have to have everything completed with signatures because sometimes we get money after. It is part of the process. If we don’t require complete applications and receive money after it will cause another problem.
        3. Education- Asks what has been explored in the past and what do other universities do regarding similar funding situations?
        4. John – This is part of why we want to send someone to the NAGPS so we can see and get ideas of what others are doing.
        5. Criminal Justice- Says a student turned in their application the first week of the semester and was missing the letter inviting them to the conference and was put lower on the list because she was missing that piece, and someone was put ahead of her.
        6. Jason- According to bylaws it is provisionally accepted and there is a deadline, but he doesn’t recall applications get knocked down. This application from last fall will be looked into.

1. VP’s Report
   1. Report from Advocacy Committee
      1. Tolu- GSO is not just about funding it is also about advocacy and asks previous VP Daniel to speak
      2. Daniel- Asks anyone being victimized by professor or admin to come forward early and it can be addressed at council meetings
2. Treasurer/Secretary’s Report
   1. 12 applicants: 6 for travel, 6 for research funding
   2. $5,600 for travel, $2,400 for research
   3. $4,700 overflow for next semester
   4. All applications are complete
   5. Fumi - motion to block vote, Tolu second, motion passes
   6. John - All in favor, Motion passes
3. Report from Communication Committee
   1. Need photos of reps for website
4. Old Business
   1. John confirms none
5. New Business
   1. Elect new PR chair
      1. Fumi- nominates Jourdan
      2. John – motion to close nomination
         1. Fumi motions
            1. New PR is Jourdan Monfrey
6. Other Advocacy/Concerns/Questions
   1. Education: Outreach committee for 24hour citizen project - small funding campaign for funding to help community
      1. Possible idea exchange event on campus
      2. Would like to have a grad student on each team
7. Announcements
   1. Daniel introduces new Civil Engineering Rep
      1. Sam-Mark Ansah
8. Adjournment

Fumi - move to adjourn