**Graduate Student Organization**

**Meeting #3: 16 November 2016**

**Minutes**

1) Call Meeting to Order: **4:35 P.M**.

2) **Approval of Meeting #2 Minutes** **(Motioned and Seconded)**

**Approved**

3) **Current Budget**

* Travel - $0.00
* Research - $2280.96
* Operating Costs - $637.06

4) **Review Applications for Funding**

5) **Remaining fund rolled over to Spring 2017 first meeting**

* Travel - $0.00
* Research - $0.00
* Operating Costs - $637.06

6) **Old Business:** Discussion on Task force’s proposal

**Jude Monte**, Representative Nursing, Speaker from Task force addressing the meeting explaining the results and suggestions from task force:

* Discussion on referendums proposed by Funding Task Force

**Referendum # 1: Report only: Restructuring**

* + Opinion of president and vice president:

Might be difficult as reps are moving semester by semester and Council is not large enough thus involvement of more people may make the reviewing of application more complicated. Representatives should be more involved in communication and advocacy which is their primary job.

* + Nicole Barry: this idea is implementable as officers are in-charge. This will be more effective as everyone has his or her particular committee.
  + Marrisa Young: We can propose the idea of two representatives from each department so that we may have more people to serve.
  + Salman Sakib: This might be a sustainable structure even if there are more and more applications.
  + Jude Monte: Committees dedicated to the goal of GSO.
  + Ana Costa: More communication by representatives can solve the problem rather than forming a new committee structure.
  + Ellie Spain: Want to know what other possibilities are.
  + Audience: Giving an example of smaller council where such a structure is already implemented.
  + **Referendum will be discussed and voted on in next meeting.**

**Referendum # 2: Report; possible vote**

* + **Broad Maximum Tier System**
  + Motioned with Amendment that in case of conflicts the executive council will decide how much fund should be allocated.

**Amendment**: For any location not specifically noted in the most recent PPM, the executive council shall have the final determination which tier the travel shall fall under.

* + **Approved**

**Referendum # 3**: **Specific Maximum System**

* + Discussion about the advantages and disadvantages.
  + Motioned and seconded for voting.
  + **Voting**:
  + 2 in favor of referrundum 3.
  + 17 not in favor of referrundum 3.

**Referendum 3 will not pass.**

**Referendum # 4: Report; possible vote: Co-Author Restrictions**

* + Advantage and disadvantage.
  + Architecture concern
  + **Voting**:
  + 19 in favor.

**Approved.**

**Referendum # 5: Report only: Deficit of Funding for Applications**

* + Advantages and disadvantages. Diverse opinions.
  + Taking care of certain departments as nursing.
  + Discussion about equal share and equal opportunity.
  + Fair or unfair?
  + Make a detailed survey.
  + Ask grad school to conduct the survey.

**Referendum # 6**: Report only: **Student Assessed Fee**

* + Begin the process of increasing GSO student fee
  + **Approved.**
* **GSO and Graduate School: Shut Up and Write**

Discussions about how do we want to contribute? Decisions will be taken in next meeting.

* **Grant Funding Bylaw Change**:
  + **Current:** “The GSO can offer up to $500 for certain events/programs on a case-by-case basis. These events or programs should be open to all graduate students and should benefit them in their pursuit of academic achievement and excellence.Applications can be submitted by one representative from the organization or department hosting the event. Funding for these events is voted on by the GSO Council.”
  + **Suggested Change:** “The GSO can offer up to $500 for certain events/programs on a case-by-case basis. *These events or programs should be open to all graduate students and should benefit them in their pursuit of academic achievement and excellence. Conferences, symposiums, workshops, or any event with active participation must allow participation from 2/3 (66%) of the graduate student body.* Applications can be submitted by one representative from the organization or department hosting the event. Funding for these events is voted on by the GSO Council.”
  + **Tabled for Spring discussion**

6) **New Business**:

* Spring Dates: \*Classes begin January 11.
  + Wednesday, 15 February 2017; Apps due 8 February
  + Wednesday, 15 March 2017; Apps due 8 March
  + Wednesday, 12 April 2017; Apps due 5 April
    - Ellie, can you schedule the Helma B. Constantine room for these dates? 4:30-7:30pm?
* Vote in Spring 2017 executive council:
  + **President**: Sarah Gawronski (**remaining**), English Department
  + **Vice President**: Subhash Subedi (self-nomination), Mathematics Department

(**Elected**)

* + **Secretary/Treasurer**: Ellie Spain (self-nomination), MBA Program ,School of Business
  + (**Elected**)
  + **Public Relations (non-executive position):** Salman Sakib (self-nomination), Civil Engineering Department
  + (**Elected**)

**Message from the president to all the representatives**:

* If you are moving on after this semester, please begin or continue the process of training a new department representative. This includes emailing me with their contact information and getting a recommendation/confirmation for new representative to me from department graduate coordinator. Ideally, I would like this information by the end of this semester, but definitely by the start of Spring 2017.

7) **Other Advocacy/Concerns/Questions?**

**Biology Concerns**;

President explained about the bylaws why biology was no funded:

Discussions and Participation was only open to biology students

Discussion were made about the majority of whether students, departments or colleges should be considered as a basis of providing fund to these kinds of programs and diverse opinion came into the discussion. Decision will be taken at the next meeting .Almost all the representatives agrred on the fact that this decision should be made being referred to the situation that we usually run out of funding. This kind of funding will be the last priority if we have money left over.

**Will be voted in the next meeting.**

8) Adjournment