Graduate Student Organization

First Fall Meeting 25 September 2019

Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
   1. President announces start of meeting.
2. Attendance
   1. QUORUM MADE
3. President’s Welcome
4. President’s Report
   1. We have been getting request for rep training
      1. At the moment go over bylaws but if you need more help email e-board and we can set something up
      2. Fighting funding issues and currently trying to get people to continue to complete and submit applications even after funding has run out
5. VP’s Report
6. Treasurer/Secretary’s Report
   1. Current Budget
      1. Applications looked good
      2. Website says applications are accepted at the start of the semester and another place that says the first day of classes
      3. Applications are accepted the first day of classes
         1. Established last semester
         2. Vote to write it into the bylaws
      4. Travel funding ran out a week and two days into the semester
         1. Funding is provided on a first come first serve basis, so it is important to turn in applications early
      5. Maggie moved to accept the budget, Architecture seconds
      6. All in favor, budget passes
      7. Justin -those who got approved funding make sure to tell applicants to expect a check request from in a few weeks. If they don’t, they need to contact us.
7. Report from Communication Committee
8. Old Business
   1. Volunteer for NAGPS
      1. Discuss sending someone
         1. We want to know how other schools fund their GSO
         2. We will have to find money to send someone and need a volunteer
      2. Conference is Nov. 7-10 in Lexington, Kentucky
      3. Architecture volunteered to go if we can send someone
      4. Motion to continue pursuit, Maggie motions, Others second
      5. Vote, motion passes
   2. Bylaw changes
      1. Write into bylaws when applications start the be received
         1. Motions to pass above, second motion
         2. Vote, motion passes
      2. Establish amount that must be maintained in GSO discretionary fund
         1. Setting an amount and using excess to fund a few more applications
         2. Each semester top off discretionary fund if needed
         3. Motions to pass above, second motion,
         4. Vote, motion passes
9. New Business
   1. Proxies for the E-board
      1. Discussed- John states that we should have more continuity. It is difficult to keep the ball rolling when the majority of the e-board changes without training.
      2. Everyone agrees it’s a good idea
      3. They would be unofficial members of the e-board and are not required to attend all e-board meetings
      4. It is more of a shadowing experience
      5. Reps can email us if they are interested
   2. Elect new Secretary
      1. Chemical Eng. Nominated by Tolu
      2. Chemical Eng. Objects
      3. History nominates himself
      4. Motion to close nomination, second motion passes
      5. Rex from History is the new secretary
10. Other Advocacy/Concerns/Questions
11. Announcements
    1. GSO Checklist for Applications and Reimbursement
       1. John informs everyone it is one the website and to check it out
    2. Maggie from EDU makes announcement about upcoming elections on Oct. 12th
       1. Encourages everyone to go vote
    3. Shut up and Write – Tuesdays (9-11am) in the Louisiane Room and Wednesdays (11-1 pm) in the Bayou Room.
    4. Campus covered is every Tuesday and Friday
    5. If grad students need any advocacy on their behalf come to us. We can go to the grad school and get help.
    6. Dissertation and travel without academic duties applications have been received but are not heard until the second meeting.
    7. Encourage Representative attendance at all GSO council and committee meetings
12. Adjournment
    1. Motion to adjourn, second motion, meeting adjourned