**Student Government Graduate House of Representatives Meeting Minutes**  
**26 August, 2022**

1. Call to Order: (1:04 PM)
2. Roll Call
   1. In Attendance: Atkinson, Dickerson, Fritz, Gehin, Kimmel, Mellow, Ota, Respondek, Wrightsman
   2. Absent: Beck-King, Chuma, Limberg, Sanchez
3. Approval of Minutes
   1. approved
4. Orders of the Day
   1. approved
5. Guest Speakers
   1. Quick introduction of representatives
6. Public Forum
   1. Student speaker: history department unionizing, want our support, want to make contacts with Instructional Assistants and Teaching Assistants to get more information and more support, share a flyer, don’t want university to know yet, meeting scheduled for today, want to join a national union (UAW or National Academic Workers Union) [Luiz: 336-410-2037]
7. Reports
   1. Student Government Vice President’s Report: Florence and Johnson
      1. Constitution Day – 9/15 and 9/16 from 10-1
         1. Matters more to grad students who are more likely to have permanent address in San Marcos for voting
      2. Working with UPD for safety initiative, forming a walk team (walk with someone at night-paid part time workers through UPD), will start after event 9/28 at 7:30pm,
      3. Conference: Leave No Victim Behind Conference 10/24-26, student gov guaranteed 10 spots
      4. First football game tomorrow, on field competitions sponsored by student gov
      5. Looking to get more people in the senate, a bunch of people that supported the other candidates left student gov
      6. Follow social media (txstate\_sg)
      7. Open to partnerships
      8. Student housing: overbooked the dorms by 7%, book two hotels and 2 floors of an apartment complex, want to change the restriction that freshman have to live on campus if we’re going to keep having large freshman classes that don’t fit in the dorms
      9. Mayor said only 2 last names allowed to be in one household in San Marcos, want to change it to be 3, city and president working on this change, it will help students with the housing restrictions and how bad housing is right now
      10. if we know any undergraduates that want to get more involved in making changes at the university, direct them to P and VP, they need to fill many university committee positions (will put together a graphic for sharing with students we teach)
   2. House Leader Report: Gehin
      1. International Office Meeting
      2. Student Leader Meeting
         1. TxState Employees, Parking, Inter-Student Communication (*Here to help* service)
            1. <https://www.dos.txst.edu/services/heretohelp.html> (*Here to help* service), online form or call 512.245.2124
            2. Shortage of employees and hard to fill positions, work to be done with parking, better communication between students and administration, new service put in place called here to help
         2. Bobcat Bounty – (Thursdays)
            1. <https://bobcatbounty.txst.edu>
            2. We can volunteer
         3. Guest Speakers
            1. Jeremy David next week
         4. Snacks
            1. Try to get students to come by having snacks at the meetings
   3. House Secretary’s Report: Fritz
      1. Send anticipated graduation date if you haven’t already
   4. House Parliamentarian’s Report: Sanchez
      1. None
   5. House Media Liaison: Mellow
      1. Created graphics for holidays, also use the student government account to get recognition, tell our networks to follow the accounts, wants to post our photos and descriptions on the social media
   6. Committees’ Reports
      1. Diversity and Inclusion: Wrightsman and Limberg
         1. Sent out to grad students, what are issues they want addressed, they said: students want more support offered to international students, specifically US taxes, also red pass parking for instructional assistants
      2. Social Media and Technology: Mellow
         1. No report
      3. Campus Life:
         1. No Report
      4. Budget and Finance: Gehin and Kimmel
         1. No Report
      5. Graduate Employee Relations: Atkinson
         1. No Report
   7. University Committee Reports
      1. No reports
   8. Advisor’s Report: Dr. Giuffre
      1. 3MT is Nov 4th, retweet the information, we should attend and let students know
      2. Looking for a small number of students who identify as first generation to participate in a panel event
8. Old Business
   1. Survey
      1. Approved by the Deans of the Graduate College, still needs approval through the office of institutional research, will update house when we know more
9. New Business
   1. None
10. Questions
    1. If anyone wants to help with legislation for later shuttle rides, let Katlyn Fritz know
11. Announcements
    1. Friday Sept 16th – Student Government Voter registration at the Quad (12-2pm)
12. Adjournment (2:00 PM)
    1. Seconded by Atkinson