**Student Government Graduate House of Representatives Meeting Minutes**  
**27 January 2023**

1. Call to Order: (1:02 PM)
2. Roll Call
   1. In Attendance: Atkinson, Dickerson, Fritz, Gehin, Kimmel, Limberg, Mellow, Ota, Pigg, Respondek, Sanchez, Vance, Wrightsman
   2. Absent: None
3. Approval of Minutes
   1. approved
4. Orders of the Day
   1. approved
5. Guest Speakers
   1. None
6. Public Forum
   1. None
7. Reports
   1. Student Government Vice President’s Report: Florence
      1. Not present
   2. House Leader Report: Gehin
      1. New Member Introductions:
         1. Olivia Vance
            1. MS Spanish program, graduating this semester, GTA for beginning Spanish.
         2. Quinten Pigg
            1. Come from small town, MS in rehabilitation science, want PhD hopefully next fall.
   3. House Secretary’s Report: Fritz
      1. Reminder to new members about excused vs. unexcused absences
   4. House Parliamentarian’s Report: Sanchez
      1. None
   5. House Media Liaison: Mellow
      1. Meeting with Twister (marketing person for McCoy) for tips about when and what to post
   6. Committees’ Reports
      1. Diversity and Inclusion: Wrightsman
         1. Formalizing the committee’s name, mission, goals, etc.
            1. Have information on canvas for future committee members
         2. Goal 1: Autism Support Services at TXST
            1. Looking at what other Texas universities are doing, how can grad house recommend programs to the university
         3. Goal 2: Dissemination of information regarding support services for international students
            1. What are the services? How do we spread the word about them?
      2. Social Media and Technology: Mellow
         1. None
      3. Campus Life:
         1. None
      4. Budget and Finance: Gehin and Kimmel
         1. Met, have structure and still need to finalize the Luncheon with the Deans
      5. Graduate Employee Relations: Atkinson
         1. None
   7. University Committee Reports
      1. Graduate Council:
         1. Looking at changing how GPA is calculated for admission for graduate students
            1. Using the higher of the cumulative, or the last 60 hours
         2. Board of Regents did instill tuition increase for those taking 9 credit hours
            1. Looking at ways to give the money back to the students in equitable ways
      2. Run to R1
         1. Approach R1 without sacrificing focus on undergraduate teaching
         2. Hard to see what needs to change
         3. Possibly in good position, need to spend more on scientific research, need more full time researchers, like postdocs
   8. Advisor’s Report: Dr. Giuffre
      1. Events
         1. Academic Success for International Graduate Students (Feb 8th)
         2. GSAW (first full week in April)
         3. Graduate Student Research Conference (April 4th in SM and 5th in RR)
      2. No meeting April 7th to April 14th
      3. Idea to spend budget: Donuts and Coffee with Grad House
      4. Let Dr. Giuffre know if you will be on GH next year or not
8. Old Business
   1. Survey Results
      1. Sharing through social media, sharing with the university
         1. University star
         2. Email to Graduate Deans
         3. How will we address some of these issues?
            1. Coffee and Donuts once a month with speakers etc., in SM and RR
   2. Luncheon with the Deans
      1. Jason’s Deli
         1. 3 options, no restrictions, gluten sensitive, and vegetarian
         2. Invitations for Dean, design it and email it to the Deans
9. New Business
   1. Swearing in New Members
   2. Group Picture at the luncheon (professional dress)
10. Questions
    1. None
11. Announcements
    1. None
12. Adjournment (2:17 PM)
    1. Seconded by Mellow