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

1. Call to Order: (1:01 PM)
2. Roll Call
   1. In Attendance: Atkinson, Fritz, Gehin, Kimmel, Mellow, Ota, Pigg, Respondek, Vance
   2. Absent: Dickerson, Limberg, Sanchez, Wrightsman
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. Graduate International Student Panel
         1. New international students, what to look for and how to handle graduate school as a international student.
      2. Resume Express
         1. McCoy, Businesses looked at students’ resumes and helped them with it
      3. Student Government Elections
         1. VP Florence is running for president
         2. Look into student government positions and try to VOTE!
         3. Feb 20th-23rd is the election
   3. House Secretary’s Report: Fritz
      1. None
   4. House Parliamentarian’s Report: Sanchez
      1. Not present
   5. House Media Liaison: Mellow
      1. Meeting with Twister Marquis
         1. Idea to like and share our posts as a giveaway
         2. Get someone to donate item for giveaway
         3. Focus on one theme and keep it over time, brand photos
   6. Committees’ Reports
      1. Diversity and Inclusion: Wrightsman
         1. Regular meetings set up
         2. Goal to have formal recommendation for neurodiversity call for the university
         3. Outlining the future of the committee
         4. Maybe drop the word diversity
      2. Social Media and Technology: Mellow
         1. None
      3. Campus Life:
         1. None
      4. Budget and Finance: Gehin and Kimmel
         1. Need final numbers for lunch with the deans
      5. Graduate Employee Relations: Atkinson
         1. Discussion propped up on funding and hours of assistantships
            1. Concern over number of courses asked to teach, pay, credit hours and financial aid vs. getting paid to teach
         2. Ota will take our concerns to the Grad Council
            1. Anyone with concerns should send them his way
         3. <https://www.gradcollege.txst.edu/funding/assistantships>
   7. University Committee Reports
      1. Health and Well-being Task Force (Fritz)
         1. Submitted preliminary report to president in Dec
            1. He is providing money to expand the health survey we want to distribute so that it goes to every student at TXST, hopefully will go out next week. Students will get email from president and then email with link to take the survey. We are working on ways to get word out about the survey without “coercing” responses. If the president tweets something about the survey, can we please retweet?
            2. President also working to sign contract with online service to provide 24hr mobile counseling and psychiatry services. As soon as contract signed and details worked out, we’ll work on spreading the word.
            3. Our task force will be doing focus groups soon, so Dr. Giuffre will reach out to grad college for grad student participants in the focus group.
   8. Advisor’s Report: Dr. Giuffre
      1. Looking for focus group participants, want 16 ppl, recruit!
      2. Updated grad college website with info about grad student research conference
         1. During GSAW, on both campuses
         2. <https://www.gradcollege.txst.edu/events/research/graduate-student-research-conference.html>
      3. Have questions prepared for deans at the lunch
8. Old Business
   1. Lunch with the Deans – still waiting on a few Deans
      1. Goodie Bag
   2. GSAW – April 7th 11-12pm
      1. Raffle
      2. 17 pizzas (cheese, pepperoni, beef)
      3. Eat, GH explain what it is, what we can do for them, introduce ourselves, and recruit
9. New Business
   1. Information campaign for uninsured students to go to health center, they cap doctor visits at $30 and specialists and therapy at $40
      1. Discussion of creating an Instagram tip of the week by partnering with departments around campus
         1. Tips of the week--Health Center, GradCommons, The Writing Center, Counseling Center, ISSS, COMM Lab, External Funding-how to get started....there is so much!
   2. Complaints brought by student:
      1. Indoor rec people get more recognition than outdoor rec people
      2. Certain employees have more certifications but don’t get more pay for having those certifications
      3. The dock is dangerous and not being properly fixed
      4. The volleyball nets are raggedy
10. Questions
    1. None
11. Announcements
    1. None
12. Adjournment (2:08 PM)
    1. Seconded by Mellow