Student Government Graduate House of Representatives
Meeting Notes
November 3, 2023

I. Call to Order
   (a) 1:02 by Francisco Valdovinos

II. Roll Call
   (a) 11 Members present

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Orders of the Day

V. Guest Speakers

VI. Public Forum

VII. Reports
   (a) House Secretary’s Report: Lauren Green
      i. Coffee Chat Connect is next Thursday from 1-3 PM in the Graduate Commons. Lauren will pick up the PCard from Dr. Giuffre to purchase the items. Coffee Bar is providing Coffee and Tea, while pastries will be purchased from HEB.
      ii. The Career Closet Drive is a go! Lauren will finalize and send out a poster and email template next week once a collection box has been secured and developed.
   (b) House Parliamentarian Report – Adrienne Taylor
      i. No report
   (c) Social Media Liaison: Elisa Descartes
      i. Social Media plans moving forward
         1. Pictures will be taken at upcoming events and posted on social media
         2. Videos will be recorded next semester of Grad House members for posting
   (d) Committees Reports- None
      i. Social Media and Technology:
      ii. Campus Life:
      iii. Budget and Finance:
      iv. Grad Student Employer Relation:
      v. Equity and Inclusion Committee:
      vi. University Committee Reports
   (e) Advisors Report: Dr. Giuffre
      i. Shirts are in! Please email Dr. Giuffre with sizing information and if you will be in attendance next Thursday to receive your shirt
      ii. If you are graduating, please email Dr. Giuffre so you can receive your chords.
      iii. 3MT event was a successful event! Over 115 people voted at the event.
      iv. Dr. Bruce would like to be more involved in the Graduate House. He will be invited to the Coffee Chat Connect event and our final Grad House meeting.
      v. Tuesday November 14th from 12-1:30 PM in the Grad Commons: Dr. Brian Smith and Dr. Andrea will be conducting an International Funding event.
      vi. Recommended best practice for gathering information at Coffee Chat Connect: Gathering summarized notes and proactive approaches to each concern. Compiling all notes taken into a word document.
(f) **House Leader Report: Francisco Valdovinos**
   i. Graduate Council Report: Congratulations to Dr. Giuffre on becoming the Associate Dean of Retention!
   ii. The Vice President of the Senate has received formal complaints of her execution of her role. A discussion of impeachment has been brought up to the Chief Justice. A discussion of student training being incorporated is in discussion to better equip student government leaders on duties and expectations.

VIII. **Old Business**
   (a) **Coffee Chat Connect**
      i. Graduate House Member Attendance: Susi & Samuel Kimmel
      ii. Susi will help with set up arriving at 12:30 PM
      iii. Gabriela Ponce will stop by from 1-2 PM

IX. **New Business**
   (a) **Career Closet Drive**
      i. Adrienne will look for a big cardboard box that we can then transform into a collection box. When this is done, a flyer will be sent out.

X. **Questions**

XI. **Announcement**

XII. **Adjournment**
   (a) Adjourned by Francisco at 1:38 PM
   (b) Seconded by Adrienne

**Quote of the Week:**

> "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."

Melody Beattie