

Student Government Graduate House of Representatives
Meeting Notes
October 6, 2023

- I. Call to Order
 - (a) Called to order at: 1:03 PM
- II. Roll Call
 - (a) Ten members total in attendance
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - (a) Meeting minutes approved unanimously
- IV. Orders of the Day – Grad Council, Prop 5/Senate Meeting, SWAG
- V. Guest Speakers
 - (a) None
- VI. Public Forum
 - (a) None
- VII. Reports
 - (a) House Secretary's Report: Lauren Green
 - i. Please respond to Lauren's email regarding graduate house member roster information if you have not already done so.
 - ii. Professional headshots are a resource that not many students know are available. They are offered to students through Career Services free of charge.
 - iii. Career services will soon be teaming up with the division of marketing to create a self-service professional headshot booth.
 - iv. The Career closet is in need of more size inclusivity to offer a range of professional attire for students. This could be a great initiative for the Grad House to help with.
 - (b) House Parliamentarian's Report: Adrienne Taylor
 - i. Nothing to report
 - (c) Social Media Liaison: Elisa Descartes
 - i. Elisa will be highlighting the accomplishments of graduate students on social media
 - ii. A Microsoft form has been made for students to submit their accomplishments to and will be shared with Dean Golato in order to have it shared via the weekly GradBulletins.
 - (d) Committees Reports-
 - i. No reports this week
 - ii. Social Media and Technology:
 - iii. Campus Life:
 - iv. Budget and Finance:
 - v. Grad Student Employer Relation:
 - vi. Equity and Inclusion Committee:
 - vii. University Committee Reports
 - (e) Advisors Report: Dr. Giuffre

- i. 3MT preliminary rounds happen next week. There are 45 students competing. YouStar studios will be filming videos for competitors for voting to happen.
 - ii. The people's choice award will be pushed out for students, faculty and staff
 - iii. 3MT will take place on November 2nd 10-12 in the LBJ Grand Ballroom
 - iv. Suggestion for Guest Speaker: Dr. Dwayne Bruce (Supervisor for student government). We could invite him to speak at a meeting to discuss the changes to divisions for 10 minutes in order to get him acclimated with Graduate House operations.
- (f) **House Leader Report: Francisco Valdovinos**
- i. Swag is selected and the total cost will be \$1585.50
 - ii. Colorways are selected for all swag
 - iii. The graduate council report:
 - 1. Emphasize the grad bulletin with constituents. Encourage others to read it!
 - 2. Senate Bill 17: Diversity cannot be mentioned in interview questions and admissions. Our committee titles are not affected. Class content and teaching content are also not affected either.
 - 3. Dr. Laura Rodriguez is a great contact person for international students who need assistance. International students who need any help should contact her. Renewed focus is being centered on international students. Potential focus groups will be pitched at an upcoming meeting in order to get feedback from students.
 - 4. Enrollment for doctoral students has increased. Enrollment for continuing master's students has decreased. Masters students are in need of more funding and continuation scholarships. There is a need to know more about issues that Masters students are facing.
 - 5. Proposition 5 will be on the upcoming SMTX ballot in order to create the Texas University Fund to generate governmental funding for research and development funding for Texas State.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- (a) Mini calendar creation for Graduate Student Events to provide a month at a glance information was discussed.
- (b) Coffee and Conversations – The Grad House will be planning this event in November to provide a round table forum in which students can come to the graduate lounge to talk about issues they are facing or graduate school experiences. We will provide coffee for all of those in attendance. If you are interested in being a part of the committee that puts this event together, please email: lng60@txstate.edu
- (c) Discussion of a survey being sent out for students in order to get feedback from students about their graduate school experiences took place.
- (d) The intersection by McCoy and Ingram Hall is having a significant traffic control issue. Students are consistently almost getting hit by vehicles. UPD has been

informed and was incredibly negligent about this information. We need to find another way to get this information to higher administration.

X. Questions

XI. Announcement

XII. Adjournment

- (a) Meeting adjourned at 1:38 PM by Francisco Valdovinos
 - i. Seconded by: Lauren Green

Quote of the Week:

