

**Student Government Graduate House of Representatives  
Meeting Notes  
October 20, 2023**

**I. Call to Order**

- (a) 1:02 pm by House Leader Francisco Valdovinos

**II. Roll Call**

- (a) 12 members present

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- (a) Approved unanimously

**IV. Orders of the Day:**

**V. Guest Speakers**

**VI. Public Forum**

**VII. Reports**

**(a) House Secretary's Report: Lauren Green**

- i. The Grad House Publication & Accomplishment form has been published on the Grad Bulletin this week and will be shared via social media
- ii. Career Services has agreed to and is excited to work with the Graduate House. Our ideas for a career closet drive and headshot event were greatly received by them.
- iii. Our round table event has been planned. Details are below.

**(b) House Parliamentarian's Report: Adrienne Taylor**

**(c) Social Media Liaison: Elisa Descartes**

- i. Elisa wants to spotlight Grad House members on social media to introduce ourselves and portray what the Grad House is and what we stand for. Please look over your bios and prepare to be a part of an upcoming video snippet for social media 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. 3MT: Preliminary round judging is taking place. 9 individuals will be moving forward.
- ii. People's choice award for 3MT needs pushing
- iii. Final round of 3MT will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Grand Ballroom 10-12.
- iv. Virtual event coming up: Once a first gen, Always a first gen." This will include Faculty discussing their experience being first gen students and how they overcame challenges.
- v. Graduate Application Workshop: November 15<sup>th</sup> 1-3. This will help students with their statement of purpose and graduate application materials. SLAC and the Writing Center will be there too.
- vi. Workshop to come on external funding for international students. Announcements to come will need pushing.

**(f) House Leader Report: Francisco Valdovinos**

- i. Swag purchase order is submitted. We are hoping to have the swag in by November!

**VIII. Old Business**

**IX. New Business**

## Round Table Event

"Coffee and Conversations" is already taken by the office of Education Abroad. The new name for our roundtable event will be "Grounds for Discussion"

**The event will take place Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM in the Grad Lounge. ALL Grad House members are strongly encouraged to attend to help set up and facilitate.**

Food & Drinks

Dunkin: 30 cups of coffee serving for \$40

Munchkins: 30 count for \$13.99

Krispy Kreme: 5 dozen boxes of donuts will cost \$80

Coffee: 3 Boxes of coffee cost \$20.56 each

Mochas and Javas: \$20 coffee gallons

Assorted pastries (scones, brownies, muffins) \$30 for 35-40 servings

Other food options discussed for further inquiry:

Dos Gatos

Panera Bread

The Coffee Bar

The planning committee will meet next week to finalize food and get a flyer drafted for the event.

Addressing the Round Rock campus: We want to include the students on the Round Rock campus more. Their leadership will be reached out to publicize this event and a virtual option will be held following our in-person event. We hope to hold an event in the Spring on the Round Rock campus.

## Career Closet Drive

We will be launching a drive through the rest of the semester for collecting clothing. Please reach out to your faculty in your department to request donations. We will create a drop off bin in the Grad Lounge for clothing to be collected. Please look for an upcoming email from Lauren detailing the information.

An email template and flyer will be sent out at the beginning of next week.

We will keep a record of items that we have donated on file.

Lauren will inquire about setting up a photoshoot session for the Graduate House to get professional headshots taken and a group photo.

**X. Questions**

**XI. Announcement**

**XII. Adjournment**

- (a) Adjourned: by Francisco Valdovinos
- (b) Seconded: by Adrienne Taylor

**Quote of the Week:**

**“Life is short,  
and it is here  
to be lived.”**

—KATE WINSLET

