

Graduate House Meeting Notes

September 8th, 2023

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at: 1:06 PM

II. Roll Call

14 members present

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Orders of the Day- Committees, Social Media Liaison, Swear In

V. Guest Speakers

VI. Public Forum

VII. Reports

(a) House Secretary's Report: Lauren Green

- i. An Info Sheet will be sent out to Graduate House Members. Please reply to this email with the requested information
- ii. A reminder to send information for your Grad House bio to Francisco
- iii. If you are going to be absent from a meeting, please let Lauren know.

(b) House Parliamentarian's Report: Adrienne Taylor

No official report – Adrienne will work diligently to study and adhere to the Legislation

(c) Social Media Liaison: Call for position, and description of duties

Elisa expressed interest in the position

(d) Committees Reports- Assign

- 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

- o Today at 4:30: International Welcome in the LBJ Grand Ballroom from 4:30 – 6:30

- Every other week there is an open forum for international students this week. Dr. Giuffre will send the zoom link for this.
- “How to be Successful in Graduate School/ Thursday September 21st from 4:00 – 5:30 PM in Round Rock
- We are in full 3MT mode now! The three-minute thesis and dissertation research competition is underway which includes elevator pitches and presentations about their thesis and dissertation. The application for this closes on October 2nd.

Lunch with the Deans Luncheon is projected to happen either:

- February 16th, February 23rd or March 1st in UAC 174

House Leader Report:

- If you are interested in leading a committee, please notify Francisco to be sworn in.

VIII. Old Business

(a) Swear in Mariangela Rodriguez

- Officially sworn in as a House Member at: 1:23 PM

(b) Swear in Samuel Adams

- Officially sworn in as a House Member at: 1:22 PM

IX. New Business

(a) Propose Budget

- Budget was shared with Graduate House Members
- Our current Budget is \$2,500
 - We are currently budgeted at a \$1,116.57 surplus
- The conversation of new and innovative merch and swag was brought up
- We are not able to carry over money from any previous year.

X. Questions

- Elisa will be the chair for the Committee of Neurodivergent Committee
- Lauren will be compiling a list of current committees this year and committees that are open for leadership.
- Samuel Kimmel volunteers for the Outstanding Mentorship Award Committee
- Question was posed about possible best practices to incorporate for reaching our individual constituents in our graduate programs.
 - The University Star has expressed being open to pushing out information out to campus
 - Having other departments follow our social media pages to help streamline and promote information
 - Suggestion to create a Graduate House Linked In
 - Abigail will look into this for us.

XI. Announcement

XII. Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned at 1:34 PM
- Motion (Francisco)
- Second (Lauren)

Quote of the Week:

