**Graduate House Meeting Notes**

**August 30th, 2024**

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 1:02 PM

**II. Roll Call**

13 members present

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**IV. Orders of the Day**

**V. Guest Speakers**

**VI. Public Forum**

**VII. Reports**

(a) House Secretary’s Report: Maham Soomro

Nothing to report

(b) House Parliamentarian’s Report: Adrienne Taylor

Send in your bios and headshots if you haven’t already for the “Meet Your Representatives” page.

(c) Social Media Liaison’s Report: Elisa Descartes

We should be posting on social media more consistently. Social Media Liaison will also require more help from reps with social media and marketing experience.

(d) Committees Reports

ii. Campus Life:

iii. Budget and Finance:

iv. Grad Student Employer Relation:

v. Equity and Inclusion Committee:

Graduate College Outstanding Mentor Award Committee:

vi. University Committee Reports

(e) Advisors Report: Dr. Giuffre

1. Reminder about 3MT – 3 minute thesis and dissertation presentation of an “elevator pitch” of research data. MFA students can laso present their thesis process. Friday, 8th November is when 3MT will take place.

2. Shop talks have started for the semester, the schedule can be found here: [Shop Talks.](https://www.gradcollege.txst.edu/docs/Shop-Talks-Fall-2024.pdf) The next Shop Talk is on the 3rd September and will cover 3MT.

3. Graduate College at Round Rock Campus events coming soon. First event is on the 5th September from 11am – 6:30pm. If possible, we should have Grad House presence. [RRC event calendar.](https://events.rrc.txst.edu/rrc-events-calendar.html)

House Leader Report:

1. The retreat went very well. The leader thanks everyone for their presence and being engaged in discussions.

2. Shoutout to everyone who came, including Dr. Bruce and Olivia Alexander.

3. Student attorney awareness: student attorney’s at TXST are very helpful in contract reading. It is a free service provided to TXST students and let’s make use of it, if need be.

**VIII. Old Business**

**IX. New Business**

1. There should be a committee sign up plan. Current committees:

A) Budget & Finance

B) Campus Life

C) Social Media and Communications

D) Diversity and Inclusion

2. Advertise to Grad students to serve on committees. Incentivize serving on committees by either sharing their profile on Linkedin or other incentives.

This will delineate responsibilities and allow for grad students to be involved more meaningfully in the community.

3. Committee chair roles to be decided.

Grad House members can decide which committees they would like to participate in. This can be expeditated by updating the [legislation tracker document.](https://txst-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/r/personal/bfh25_txstate_edu/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7BF2429634-DC2D-4E91-BE93-3E99B28E7090%7D&file=Legislation%20Tracker.xlsx&action=default&mobileredirect=true)

4. Recruitment and outreach for subcommittees is priority.

5. Follow-up with reps/grad students serving on committees and ensure that they bring in notes from the meetings.

6. Create a plan for accountability.

7. Writing legislation is key to get process of change started.

8. Move grad house files to “Teams”. Keep calendar on Canvas updated.

Move by Adrienne Taylor:

“I move to reestablish functioning committees:

A) Budget & Finance

B) Campus Life

C) Social Media and Communications

D) Diversity and Inclusion”

Seconded by Samantha Aziz and Michael Stutz.

More hand-on support is needed for graduate students.

Spreading information about resources through social media.

Tackle issues regarding funding, especially with “Run to R1” ambition in mind.

What’s Next?

A) Committees

B) Appointments of Chairs

C) Legislation and creating a simple resolution

Please refer to Parker for questions about legislation.

X. Questions

XI. Announcement

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at: 1:54 PM by Parker Rivers

Seconded by: Gabrielle Odom

**Quote of the Week:**

