

**Graduate House of Representatives
Texas State University**



**Alkek 310 – 1:00 PM
Sixty-Fifth Session
October 10th, 2025**

Graduate House of Representatives Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order by House Leader Soomro at: 1:00 p.m.**
- II. Roll Call**
 - a. Present
 - i. Leah Rose
 - ii. Lance Womack
 - iii. Angelica Orosco
 - iv. Maham Soomro
 - v. Prabish Khadka Chhetri
 - vi. Lipsa Karmacharya
 - vii. Christian Mayen
 - viii. Amandeep Kaur
 - ix. Olivia Brummett
 - b. Absent
 - i. Emily Gonzalez
 - ii. Morgan Smith
 - iii. Sara Hightower (Excused)
 - iv. Juan Vanegas
- III. Approval of Minutes**
- IV. Orders of the Day**
 - a. Graduate House confirmed Niraj Bag as Representative-at-Large and Leah Rose as Parliamentarian through unanimous votes
- V. Guest Speakers**
- VI. Public Forum**
 - a. Student addresses House about campus inaction, inequality, and accountability; plans to run for office to pursue reform.
- VII. Reports**
 - a. **House Secretary's Report**
 - i. Update on limited outreach success to graduate organizations; few responses received. Discussion included removing undergraduate groups from the roster
 - ii. Report on ongoing legislative work
 - 1. Upcoming meetings with the Supreme Court speaker
 - 2. Encouraging members to draft and propose legislation before the semester ends
 - iii. Announced plans to meet with the student body president regarding funding arrangements for grad orgs, aiming to secure more autonomy over funding decisions.
 - b. **House Parliamentarian's Report**
 - i. Nothing to report
 - c. **Committee Reports**
 - i. Campus Life & Outreach
 - 1. Highlighted the need for volunteers to assist with campus outreach events
 - 2. Suggested dividing responsibilities to prevent overburdening any single representative

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- ii. Finance
 - 1. Planning for an upcoming Halloween event
 - 2. Discussions about potential Round Rock activities
 - 3. Discussed updating Qualtrics surveys
 - a. Representative Lance joined Committee
- iii. Social Media and Communications
 - 1. Reported successful recruitment of new members through interest forms
 - 2. Plans to create graduate representative spotlights
- iv. University Committee Reports
 - 1. Student Senate
 - a. Guest speaker's discussion on grade retention and internship courses, as well as plans for homecoming events
 - 2. Open Education Resources
 - a. Efforts to provide open education resources to undergraduate students
 - b. Requested assistance in compiling a roster of graduate-level faculty
- d. **Advisor's Report**
 - i. Reminds representatives to about upcoming meeting with the President
 - ii. Reminder about private event with the Dean of the Graduate College
 - iii. Need to find new representatives for College of Health Professions
- e. **House Leader's Report**
 - i. Announced the next meeting's schedule and emphasized the importance of timely attendance and question preparation for an upcoming guest speaker
- VIII. Unfinished Business**
- IX. New Business**
 - a. Finalize questions for Dr. Damphousse
 - i. Representatives agreed to select two favorite questions via online voting, with results to be sent to Dr. Giuffre for finalization
 - ii. Once results are finalized, House Leader will forward questions to Executive Assistant
 - b. Upcoming Events
 - i. Halloween
- X. Questions**
- XI. Announcement**
- XII. Adjournment by House Leader at 2:28 p.m.**