

**Graduate House of Representatives
Texas State University**



Alkek 310 – 1:00 PM
Sixty-Fifth Session
October 24th, 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. Morgan Smith
 - vi. Sara Hightower
 - vii. Juan Vanegas
 - viii. Lipsa Karmacharya
 - ix. Christian Mayen
 - x. Amandeep Kaur
 - xi. Olivia Brummett
 - b. Absent
 - i. Emily Gonzalez
 - ii. Prabish Khadka Chhetri (Excused)
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
- IV. **Orders of the Day**
 - a. Motion passes to move order of the day to after guest speaker
 - b. First readings of the new bills:
 - i. Graduate Electronic Submission and Accessibility Act (GESA)
 - 1. This bill aims to recognize LaTeX as an acceptable document preparation format for graduate students submitting theses and dissertations through the university's Vireo system.
 - ii. Graduate-Level Academic Submission Standards (GLASS)
 - 1. This bill mandates the use of LaTeX for all graduate level theses and dissertations.
- V. **Guest Speakers**
 - a. President Damphousse answered questions by the House concerning contemporary challenges such as graduate student engagement, compensation, and recruitment as well as concerns about campus safety and freedom of expression on campus.
- VI. **Public Forum**
- VII. **Reports**
 - a. **House Secretary's Report**
 - i. Nothing to report
 - b. **House Parliamentarian's Report**
 - i. Nothing to report
 - c. **Committee Reports**
 - i. Campus Life & Outreach
 - 1. Nothing to report
 - ii. Finance
 - 1. Nothing to report
 - iii. Social Media and Communications
 - 1. Update on *Graduate Spotlight*
 - 2. Status update on Halloween event design

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- 3. Requested for event details for publishing
 - iv. University Committee Reports
 - 1. Student Senate
 - 2. Open Education Resources
 - a. No new updates, reminder for assistance in compiling a roster of graduate-level faculty
 - i. Graduate College offered assistance with complying list
 - d. **Advisor's Report**
 - i. Commended House on efforts and upcoming events
 - 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.**