

Graduate and Professional Student Senate of West Virginia University
Thursday, October 5th, 2017 | 5:00 PM | Room 412, Evansdale Crossing

I. Attendance, Welcome

- a. Introductions (20 people in attendance)
- b. Mission today to establish an International Student Liaison/Committee to connect all international groups with Office of Global Affairs

II. Officer Reports (Officers : 10 minutes)

- a. President (Will Armentrout)
 1. Introduction of Candidate for SGA Liaison, Julie Merrow
Julie describing role of SGA and how they serve all students including graduate students
 2. Introduction of VP for Global Strategies and International Affairs, Dr. Brustein
- b. Vice-President (Lindsey McNellis)
 - Recap of “Grad Pub at the Brew Pub”
 - i. Estimated 200 grad students in attendance
 - ii. New names added to the listserve (89 signed in)
 - iii. Next grad night on Evansdale Campus in November
- c. Secretary (Justin Massey)
 1. Rep to National Association of Grad-Professional Students meeting in Syracuse
 2. Graduate Fellows not clear whether or not their tuition waivers cover university fees
- d. Treasurer (Pariya Pourmohammadi)
 - Promoting GPSS on other graduate student group meetings, introducing GPSS

III. Special Presentation (Dr. Brustein : 40 minutes)

- a. Creation of the Office of Global Affairs
- b. Institutional support for international graduate and professional students
- c. [Detailed minutes from this presentation in a separate document.]

IV. University Committee Reports (15 minutes)

- a. Graduate Associates Dean Committee (Will Armentrout in lieu of Sam Horrocks)
 1. International fee will be assessed for non-assistantship grads
 2. All grad programs should be performing yearly reviews
 3. Influx of requests from students to work more than 100 extra hours (beyond assistantship)
 - (Kyu Shin) Can we reach out to the people who are asking for the waivers to see how/why they want the waivers?
 4. Sam contacted grad associations, we'll be sending emissaries to those organizations
- b. Graduate Advisory Council (Cabot Zabriskie)
 - Switching to a biweekly pay system.
 - There is an online graduate grant writing course. Putting together a whole suite for grad students.

V. Old Business (5 mins)

- Voting on SGA Liaison position
 1. Motion to elect Julie Marrow as SGA liaison, seconded
 2. Motion carried

VI. New Business (15 mins)

- a. Blake Humphrey - SGA president
 1. As a grad student, new found appreciation for what grad students go through
 2. Our R1 status is due to grad students, our voice should be heard. As our voice to the BOG he will work on our behalf with them
 3. Center for Land Grant studies, fed gov gives states land to build universities to serve the state and the students
 - But people don't know this, and we've gotten away from that. We've moved away from the service model that is associated with this
 - "What starts at WVU is changing the world"
 - But the student body is neglecting to shake itself of the mindset that WV isn't good enough - but we are. WVU produces valuable degrees.
 - Any concerns?
- b. "International Student Liaison" role
 1. Discussed in Dr. Brustein's presentation
 2. Will be in direct contact with international student groups
- c. Potential for "Faculty Club" and "Graduate Student Club"
 - Tabled until next meeting

VII. Open Floor

VIII. Adjournment

**Meeting Dates: Thursday, November 2nd at 5 pm
 Mountainlair, Cathedral Room**

**Wednesday, December 7th at 5 pm
Evansdale Crossing, Room 414**