

Graduate and Professional Student Senate of West Virginia University

Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

7:00 PM

Blackwater Room, Mountainlair

Call to Order (7:03 PM)

- I. Attendance (7:04 PM)
- II. Approval of September Meeting Minutes (7:04 PM)
  - i. Minutes approved unchanged
- III. Officer Reports (7:05 PM)
  - a. President (*Cameron Randall*)
    - i. President Gee plans to attend a meeting soon.
    - ii. The Google groups were discussed.
  - b. Vice-President (*Sam Horrocks*)
    - i. Graduate student senates from the other big 12 schools have been contacted. We should plan to send a delegate to the big 12 conference or at least a video conference this spring.
  - c. Secretary (*John Stenger*)
    - i. Nothing to report
  - d. Treasurer (*Matthew Condliffe*)
    - i. Nothing to report
  - e. Executive Director for Graduate Student Affairs (*Nate Tehrani*)
    - i. Spoken with George Cable who wants GPSS to be part of SGA. Cameron and Sam will meet with George soon.
- IV. University Committee Representative Reports (7:12 PM)
  - a. Graduate Council – October 15 (*Pete Gentile and Kylene Whip*)
    - i. This council decides whether programs should be added, phased out, or changed.
    - ii. We will continue to attend these meetings for the time being.
  - b. Graduate Associate Deans Committee (*Pete Gentile and Michelle Sloane*)
    - i. Education advisory board: Consulting firm to research what other schools have going on, they are trying to gear this more towards graduate students.
    - ii. College tuition and fees were mentioned. In particular it is a problem for first years who don't know that they are going to have to pay.

- iii. Addressed taking courses outside of your department.  
Recommended that departments have their own policies.
- iv. Talked about 100 hour rule for outside work.
- c. Graduate Student Advisory Council (*Angela Fiore and Liying Le*)
  - i. How aware are graduate students of the writing center and what should they offer? Perhaps long distance mentoring.
  - ii. Are people interested in helping with graduate appreciation week?
  - iii. There is going to be a faculty mentoring award.
  - iv. Talked about lowering the minimum dissertation committee members from 5 to 4.
  - v. What programs should the teaching and learning commens offer?
  - vi. Discussed a graduate student parking pass that would be valid after 5 PM.
  - vii. Next meeting Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October.
- d. Faculty Senate (*Dave Knieter and Lindsey McNellis*)
  - i. Student health care has gotten worse.
  - ii. Graduate students were not brought up during the presidential address.
  - iii. Faculty sees SGA as unorganized.
  - iv. We are thinking about which subcommittees are worth sitting on.
- e. SGA Liaisons (*Matthew Condliffe and Nate Tehrani*)
  - i. Business as usual
  - ii. Still appointing executive positions.
  - iii. Randy Jones resigned as chief of staff

V. GPSS Committee and Special Project Reports (7:50 PM)

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
  - i. (NA)
- b. Committee on Recruitment and Outreach (*Sam Horrocks, Chair*)
  - i. Compiling spreadsheet of contacts in every unit ( e.g. departments).
  - ii. Requesting data on how many students are in each unit.
- c. Committee on Social Activities (*Cameron Randall, Chair*)
  - i. Perhaps something will be planned at the brew pub next semester.
  - ii. Ugly Christmas sweater bar crawl was suggested.
- d. Committee on Financial Affairs and Student Life
  - i. (NA)
- e. Special Project on Internet Presence (*Lindsey McNellis, Chair*)
  - i. A new website has been requested. It has been a couple weeks since the request with no reply. This will be looked into further.
  - ii. Once we get the website the meeting and minutes will be posted there as well as committee and social reports.

- iii. Eventually we will need some photography. We will use campus photos for now
  - iv. Facebook name changed. We are going to create a new page named “graduate and professional students of wvu” as an open forum.
  - f. Special Project Understanding Existing Graduate and Professional Student Organizations (*Angela Fiore, Chair*)
    - i. No report was given.
- VI. Setting and Discussion of Long-, Medium-, and Short-Range Goals: The Redux (*Cameron Randall*) (8:10 PM)
- a. How should we be involved with SGA?
    - i. The maniacs are an example of a subsidiary organization which was Morgan’s vision.
    - ii. It was suggested that we should be on equal footing.
    - iii. It was asked if we want to be associated with such an inconsistent organization.
    - iv. We decided it would be worth listening to what George has to say.
    - v. The point was made that being a part of SGA might hurt us trying to get seats that SGA already has?
- VII. New business (*Cameron Randall*)
- i. No discussion was had.
- VIII. Adjournment (8:23 PM)

**(Next meeting: Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 7PM)**