Graduate and Professional Student Senate of West Virginia University

Meeting Agenda

Monday, August 22nd, 2016 | 7:00 PM | Mountaineer Room, Mountainlair

I. Attendance, Welcome **Will: small meeting, core group of familiar faces; this** meeting was advertised mostly internally to serve as an introduction/planning meeting and development of "task force" for recruitment

II. Officer Reports (Officers : 5 minutes)

- a. President (*Will Armentrout*) this semester we will be continuing to work on embedding ourselves in administrative/student life fabric of WVU
- b. Vice-President (Sam Horrocks) no report
- c. Secretary (Lindsey McNellis) absent, Sam is taking minutes in her stead
- d. Treasurer (*Chris Morlock*) we have a \$3000 budget from OGEL for operations this year; sharing costs with BGSA also an option, invites ideas
- e. Liaison to SGA (*Nathan Tehrani*) SGA is re-structuring, no formal meeting yet, Nate will be at first meeting this coming Wednesday and get back to us. We, through Nate and Andrew, will be keeping our ears open for opportunities for collaboration, etc. with SGA as both organizations begin developing their plans for the semester.

III. University Committee Representation

- (Will Armentrout, Cabot Zabriskie : 10 minutes)
- a. Graduate Council
 - Once Monthly, Thursday at 3:00 pm Chris, Matt
- b. Graduate Associate Deans Committee
 - Once Monthly, Wednesday at 3:00 pm Will, Cabot, Nate
- c. Graduate Student Advisory Council
 - Twice Per Semester, TWR at 3:30 pm Amanda, Lindsey?
- d. Faculty Senate will fill out later
 - Research and Scholarship, Teaching and Assessment, Leadership
- e. SGA Liaisons
 - "Vice President for Graduate Student Affairs" Position unanimous vote for Nate to fill this position

IV. GPSS Committees and Special Projects (10 minutes) Will's vision for our committees is that they will meet once a month and report back to the full Senate; most work will thus take place through the committees. We will fill out all committees other than R+O at next meeting.

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
- b. Committee on Recruitment and Outreach Members: Pariya, Kyu, Sam, Will
- c. Committee on Social Activities Amanda Bailey, chair, members: Andrew
 - a. Report from "Welcome Back Picnic" **50 total attendees, overall success. Just** under \$500 was spent on the event. New ideas: another gradpub/brewpub, trips, triva team
 - b. Alumni Association Events
- d. Committee on Financial Affairs and Student Life
- e. Special Project on Internet Presence (Lindsey McNellis, Chair) we will vote on collapsing these "special projects" into existing committees at September meeting

f. Special Project on Understanding Existing Graduate and Professional Student Organizations (Angela Fiore, Chair)

V. Senator Election Procedures (*Sam Horrocks* : 10 minutes) **senators are encouraged to share the document outlining these proceedures with any interested graduate students**

- a. Department / College Representatives
- b. At-Large Representatives

VI. Discussion: Parking on Campus (*Will Armentrout* : 15 minutes)

a. Parking at the Rec Center there is a new rule that parking at the rec from 9-5 is \$1.25; there has been a lot of negative feedback about this new rule from the entire student population. Nate and Andrew will write a joint SGA/GPSS statement in support of the parking petition for discussion by this weekend, with the goal of it going public on Monday.

b. Night Parking Permits for Graduate Students : Pilot Program **Transportation and** parking is offering 100 graduate student night permits for a fee; OGEL wants to offer these spots to "involved" graduate students, with the understanding that eventually more effort will be put into identifying a more useful population of graduate students to give the permits to.

The senate was generally uncomfortable with the idea of the Senate receiving a special parking perk that it is able to internally distribute to, in the words of OGEL, "involved" graduate students. The Senate is only willing to advertise these spots if it is done in a public announcement and on a first-come, first-serve basis. This will be communicated to OGEL.

VIII. Open Floor unanimous vote to add an advisor, professor Ann Lofaso.

VII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, September 12th at 7 pm Mountaineer Room of Mountainlair