

Graduate and Professional Student Senate of West Virginia University

Meeting Agenda

Monday, December 14th, 2015

7:00 PM

Laurel Room, Mountainlair

Call to Order (7:00 pm)

- I. Attendance and Approval of November Meeting Minutes (7:00 pm)
 - a. New senators introduced themselves.
 - b. Minutes approved

- II. Officer Reports (7:03)
 - a. President (*Cameron Randall*)
 - i. None
 - b. Vice-President (*Sam Horrocks*)
 - i. Recent communication with Grad Ed: GA-ship listing on WVUHire will be active in the spring.
 - ii. Future advocacy topic: Discuss with Grad Ed strategies for better communication from administrative units to graduate students.
 - iii. Brought up the user fee. University will not be paying
 - iv. Will be taking a tour of graduate student hub.
 - c. Secretary (*John Stenger*)
 - i. Welcome new senators!
 - d. Treasurer (*Matthew Condliffe*)
 - i. Discussed Health insurance. Copies are on WVU.edu. He has master copy and will put it on the list serve.
 - ii. Opening a bank account. We voted on who will be able to access the bank account. The Treasurer, President, Vice President, and the Advisor of GPSS will all have access.
 - e. Executive Director for Graduate Student Affairs (*Nate Tehrani*)
 - i. None

- III. University Committee Representative Reports (7:14)
 - a. Graduate Council (*Pete Gentile, Kylene Whip*)
 - i. None
 - b. Graduate Associate Deans Committee (*Pete Gentile, Michelle Sloane*)
 - i. None
 - c. Graduate Student Advisory Council (*Angela Fiore, Liying Le*)
 - i. Office of Graduate Education and Life Mentorship Award: Need Senator(s) to assist with selection.
 - ii. Looking for people to help with grad appreciation week.

- iii. Email us if you are interested in either of those roles.
- d. Faculty Senate (*Dave Knieter, Lindsey McNellis*)
 - i. In January will look for call for senate subcommittees.
- e. SGA Liaisons (*Matthew Condliffe, Nate Tehrani*)
 - i. None

IV. GPSS Committee and Special Project Reports (7:24)

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs
 - i. None
- b. Committee on Recruitment and Outreach (*Sam Horrocks, Chair*)
 - i. Want a media blitz in January. The following are ideas that were discussed
 - 1. The website
 - 2. Grad pub at brew pub
 - 3. A campus wide email
 - 4. Christopher will contact Athletics
 - 5. An outdoor day
 - 6. Up all night
 - 7. A facebook add.
- c. Committee on Social Activities (*Cameron Randall, Chair*)
 - i. **GPSS Happy Hour – Thur., Dec. 17, 6 PM, Apothecary**
 - ii. Possible team building activity to come
- d. Committee on Financial Affairs and Student Life (*NA*)
 - i. None
- e. Special Project on Internet Presence (*Lindsey McNellis, Chair*)
 - i. Updated Facebook group and new Facebook page
 - ii. Website looks amazing!
 - 1. Add an faq section.
 - 2. Mission statement on front page
 - 3. Committee and special project page
 - 4. Event calendar.
 - 5. Update comment section
- f. Special Project Understanding Existing Graduate and Professional Student Organizations (*Angela Fiore, Chair*)
 - i. Making some progress

V. GPSS Mission Statement Creation

- a. Skipped, will talk about after meeting

VI. Old Business (7:43)

- a. City of Morgantown User Fee

VII. New business (*Sam Horrocks*) (8:00)

- a. After-hours on-campus parking: Need someone to take charge of this issue

- b. Office of Graduate Education and Life requests GPSS's help planning Graduate Student Appreciation Week: Need two Senators to serve as point-people
- c. We will send an email about clearer communication between university and grad students.
- d. Christopher will help with business cards and branding

VIII. Adjournment **(8:07)**

(Next meeting: Monday, January 25th, 7PM)