

Graduate and Professional Student Senate of West Virginia University

Minutes

Monday, February 1st, 2016 | 7:00 PM | Mountaineer Room, Mountainlair

Call to Order (7:02 PM)

I. Attendance, Introductions, and Approval of December Meeting Minutes (7:02 PM)

- a. *Minutes approved*

II. A Welcome to New Attendees and Information on Becoming a Senator (7:05 PM)

- a. *A short history of the group was given*

III. Officer Reports (7:15 PM)

- a. President (*Cameron Randall*)
 - a. *No report*
- b. Vice-President (*Sam Horrocks*)
 - a. *No report*
- c. Secretary (*John Stenger*)
 - a. *Chris is working on a logo*
- d. Treasurer (*Matt Condliffe*)
 - a. *No report*

IV. University Committee Representative Reports (7:16 PM)

- a. Graduate Council (*Cameron Randall*)
 - a. *Still deciding whether we should be on this committee.*
- b. Graduate Associate Deans Committee (*Cameron Randall*)
 - a. *Three minutes thesis is coming up.*
 - b. *Academic probation will not be put permanently on transcripts*
- c. Graduate Student Advisory Council (*Angela Fiore, Lindsey McNellis*)
 - a. *They need graduate student volunteers*
 - b. *We are invited to three workshops*
 - c. *Addressing working hours for TA's*
 - d. *Graduate students can go to WVU printing to get business cards*
 - e. *Starting a newsletter: Tory Around Town*
 - f. *Looking into GA stipends and tuition.*
 - g. *There is online hiring for GA's*
- d. Faculty Senate (*Dave Knieter, Lindsey McNellis*)
 - a. *We have Identified committees of interest*
- e. SGA Liaisons (*Nathan Tehrani, Matt Condliffe*)
 - a. *Talking about restructuring SGA (will send slides to the list serve)*

IV. GPSS Committee and Special Project Reports (7:33 PM)

- a. Committee on Academic Affairs (*N/A*)
- b. Committee on Recruitment and Outreach (*Sam Horrocks, Chair*)
 1. *We have been contacting units directly*
 2. *Sending emails through the office of graduate education and life*
 3. *Utilizing Facebook twitter*
 4. *The website is about to go live!*
 5. *We have been working on branding.*
 6. *Tell your friends about us!!*
- c. Committee on Social Activities (*Cameron Randall*)
 - i. *February 18th Grad Pub at the Brew Pub (tentatively 6-8pm)*

- d. Committee on Financial Affairs and Student Life (*N/A*)
- e. Special Project on Internet Presence (*Lindsey McNellis, Chair*)
 - 1. Website has been created, still collecting some information to put on there.
 - 2. We have a facebook page and an informal facebook group and a twitter feed.
- f. Special Project on Understanding Existing Graduate and Professional Student Organizations (*Angela Fiore, Chair*)
 - 1. We are trying to connect with existing graduate groups and are making a database.

V. New Business (*Cameron Randall and Sam Horrocks : 7:47*)

a. Committee and Project Member Recruitment

- i. Graduate Council
 - a. No one
- ii. Graduate Associate Deans Committee – 2 positions open
 - a. Pete
 - b. Matt
 - c. Cabot
- iii. Faculty Senate
 - 1. General Meetings – 2 positions open
 - a. Lindsey
 - b. Pete (back up)
 - 2. Committees: (1) Research and Scholarship; (2) Teaching and Assessment; (3) Student Rights and Responsibilities (?)– 2 positions open each
 - a. Cabot
 - b. Pete
 - c. Kyu
 - d. Nate
 - e. Amanda
 - f. Patrick
 - g. John
 - h. Kimberly
- v. GPSS Committee on Financial Affairs and Student Life – 3 positions open
 - a. Chris
 - b. Matt
- vi. GPSS Committee on Social Activities – 2 positions open
 - a. Amanda
 - b. Kimberly
 - c. Chris
- vii. GPSS Special Project on Internet Presence – 2 positions open
 - a. Lindsey
 - b. Patrick
- viii. OGEL Faculty Mentorship Award Committee – 2 positions open
 - a. Kelly
 - b. Kyu
 - c. Pete
 - d. Angela
- ix. OGEL Grad Student Appreciation Week – 3 positions open
 - a. Serra
 - b. Angela
 - c. Kimberly
 - d. Chris
- x. Voted the advisor Joe McFadden onto the bank account.

VI. Adjournment (8:02 PM)

**Next Meetings: Mondays February 15, March 28, April 18
7PM in Mountaineer Room of Mountain Lair**

Appendix:
Committee Meeting Dates and Times

Graduate Council

All meeting times 3-4:30 except during program reviews

Feb 18 Monongahela Room (program review – noon to 4:30)

March 17 Monongahela Room (program review – noon to 4:30)

April 21 Monongahela Room

Graduate Associate Deans Committee

Meeting dates (all meetings are from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the Laurel Room of the Mountainlair):

February 10

March 9

April 13

Faculty Senate

The **Faculty Senate** will meet at 3:15 p.m. in the Erickson Alumni Center's Ruby Grand Hall on:

February 8, 2016

March 14, 2016

April 11, 2016

May 9, 2016

June 13, 2016