

Graduate House of Representatives
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2015

I. Call to Order

House Speaker Schneider called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

II. Role Call

Representatives Present: Megan Holmes, William Sandel, Dannon Cox, Rebecca Silvas, Zachary Vernon, Brendan Lavy, Kelly Gourluck, Maureen Pafumi, John McFarland, Joni Schneider, and Lee Hinkle

Representatives Absent but Excused: Tanya Long

Representatives Absent: Amanda Folger, Shelby Bouffard

Others Present: Student Body President, Lauren Stotler; Director of Finance, Andrew Hill; Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Channing Won; Student Involvement, Catherine Hornak

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Representative Vernon motioned to approve the minutes from August 28, 2015;

Representative Pafumi seconded the motion; motion passed and minutes were approved.

Representative McFarland motioned to table the approval the minutes; Representative Silvas seconded the motion; motion passed and agenda was approved.

IV. Orders of the Day

Representative Holmes motioned to approve the agenda as is; Representative Dannon seconded the motion; motion was unanimously passed and agenda was approved.

V. Guest Speakers

There were no guest speakers.

VI. Public Forum

There was no public forum.

VII. Reports of the Officers

a. Executive Leader's Report

Student Body President Stotler announced the Roundtable event is open to everyone and the information has been posted to the Student Government website.

Event: Roundtable

Date: Monday, September 28, 2015

Time: 5:30-6:30 pm

Location: Traditions room

Important - graduate student representative required to be on each commissions;
can apply online via the Student Government website.

b. House Leader's Report

House Leader Schneider suggested writing legislation regarding a Student Government addition to the current Texas State mobile application. The addition would include a tab directing students to the Student Government webpage.

c. Secretary's Report

There was no report.

d. Parliamentarian's Report

There was no report.

e. Committee Reports

i. Social Media and Technology

- The Grad House Facebook and Twitter links have been successful.

ii. Diversity and Inclusion

- Although absent, Representative Long provided updates regarding the Gender Symposium given by House Leader Schneider.
 - a. Representative Mary Gonzalez has been confirmed as the keynote speaker.
 - b. The next symposium planning is coming up on Friday, October 2, 2015.
 - c. Representative long would like to form a sub-committee for the Diversity and Inclusion committee that would work as a network of students that represent those campus organizations that encompass diverse populations.
 - i. Possibly create an application to send out to grad students interested in being liaisons for issues and ideas that promote their interests but also willing to help increase awareness and foster collaboration with the Graduate House across campus.

iii. Campus Life

- Lighting issue on campus has been take care of.

iv. Budget and Finance

- Representative Pafumi will be sitting down with House Leader Schneider to game plan the budget for this year's Graduate House social.

f. Commissions Reports

- Scholarship committee is reviewing policies to guarantee no money is being wasted.

- STAR Grant - \$35,000
- Student Government Scholarship - \$225,000
- University Bookstore - \$1,800
- Student Activities fund – \$30,000
 - o Funds to assist student organizations; each organization can be awarded up to \$2000.
- Freshmen leadership - mentor program

g. Advisor's Report

There was no advisor's report.

VIII. Unfinished Business

a. International Graduate Research Conference

- Abstract and research paper submissions due by the end of today, Friday, September 25, 2015.

IX. New Business

a. Title IX Update

House Leader Schneider will be meeting with Representative Pafumi regarding moving forward with the Title IX legislation. Will be meeting with Dr. Garcia in the near future.

X. Questions

There were no questions.

XI. Announcements

Representative Lavy announced tomorrow, Saturday, September 26, 2015 is National Public Lands Day where many potential park cleanup/volunteer opportunities around the area.

Representative Cox made an announcement regarding updates on the Grad House newsletter to go out to respective grad colleges

House Leader Schneider's weekly seminar is going exceptionally well and more students are attending the workshop.

House Parliamentarian Vernon announced a publication design he created last semester for a class has been approved by the faculty for the communication designs program to be used as an actual promotional tool for their program going out to other universities; excited to be having a publication from the university coming out in about a year.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Representative Vernon; seconded by Representative Silvas; unanimously passed and meeting was adjourned at 2:23 pm.