

Graduate House of Representatives
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2015

I. Call to Order

House Speaker Schneider called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

II. Role Call

Reps Present: Megan Holmes, William Sandel, Dannon Cox, Tanya Long, Rebecca Silvas, Zachary Vernon, Shelby Bouffard, Brendan Lavy, Kelly Gourluck, Maureen Pafumi, Joni Schneider, Amanda Folger, and Lee Hinkle

Representative McFarland asked to be added to the role

Others Present: Student Government Graduate House Advisor Dr. Eric Paulson

III. Approval of Minutes

House Secretary Holmes motioned to table reading of the minutes; Representative Pafumi seconded the motion; motion passed and reading of the minutes will be tabled for the next House meeting.

IV. Orders of the Day

House Secretary Holmes motioned to approve the agenda; House Parliamentarian seconded the motion; motion passed and Orders of the Day were approved.

V. Guest Speakers

There were no guest speakers.

VI. Public Forum

There was no public forum.

VII. Reports

a. Executive Report

- There was no Executive Report.

b. House Leader's Report

- House Leader Schneider thanked Representatives for attending the Student Government retreat; announced the Senate did not hold a meeting Monday, September 7, 2015 and the Student Government Roundtable event will be held later this month.

c. Secretary's Report

- There was no Secretary Report.

d. Parliamentarian's Report –

- There was no Parliamentarian Report.

- e. Committee Reports –
 - i. Social Media and Technology
 - Possible New Initiatives
 - “Meet your Graduate House Representative”
 - Repost Grad Bulletin via Grad House social media
 - ii. Diversity and Inclusion
 - Gender Symposium
 - Representative Long will be the graduate student representative on the Gender Symposium Committee.
 - i. Currently looking for a keynote speaker and potential art to be displayed throughout the event.
 - ii. Would like to see if additional graduate students could be a part of the symposium planning as well.
 - Mama’s Kitchen
 - Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 12:00pm in the LBJSC Ballroom
 - iii. Campus Life
 - Campus Lighting
 - ASB North
 - iv. Budget and Finance
 - Budget \$2500
 - Budget has been approved by the Senate.
- f. Commission Reports –
 - i. House Leader Schneider is working on solidifying Commissions.
 - ii. Chair of Finance – Representative Pafumi
- g. Advisor’s Reports –
 - i. Doctoral student panel was very well received.
 - ii. Master’s panel coming up on Monday, September 14, 2015 from 1:00pm-2:30pm in Alkek 105/106.
 - iii. Graduate House meeting room change on Friday, September 25 – ASBN 450B.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. International Research Conference - November 17-18th 2015
 - i. Abstracts Due: September 25
 - ii. Research Paper Contest: September 25 (only awarded to Texas State graduate students)

IX. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

X. Questions

Representative Lavy asked if any current graduate students were also members of the Alpha Chi Honor society.

XI. Announcements

House Leader Schneider encouraged Representatives to spread the word about the “Talk Math 2 Me” workshops held every Friday at 12:00pm in Derrick Hall Rm 113.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Representative Pafumi, seconded by Representative Cox, motion unanimously passed and meeting was adjourned at 1:39pm.