Student Government Graduate House of Representatives

Meeting Agenda

October 26, 2017

I. Call to Order
   a. House Leader Le Noc called the meeting to order at 1:01pm

II. Roll Call
   a. All representatives in attendance:
      i. Representatives Faggard, Castillo, Davis, Gallardo, Nguyen, Kumar, Gourluck, Wall, Cervantes, Traxler, and Idema.
   b. House Representative Cervantes requested point of privilege to be added to the roster at 1:43 pm

III. Approval of the Minutes
   a. Representative Idema motioned to approve the minutes. House Parliamentarian Gourluck second the motion; vote was unanimous.
   b. Minutes from 10/13/17 meeting were approved.

IV. Orders of the Day

V. Guest Speakers
   a. There were no guest speakers

VI. Public Forum
   a. There was no public forum

VII. Reports
   a. Student Government Vice President’s Report: Jackie Merritt
      i. Not present at meeting
   b. House Leader’s Report: Mael Le Noc
      i. Nothing to report
   c. House Secretary’s Report: Brittany Davis
      i. Asked if Representatives would be interested in participating in the Grad House Shop Talk in the Spring – more than half of the Representatives expressed interested
      ii. Requested representatives choose their headshot and send their choice to House Secretary Davis to update on the webpage
   d. House Parliamentarian’s Report: Kelly Gourluck
      i. Nothing to report
   e. Committee Reports
      i. Diversity and Inclusion: Amanda Faggard
         1. Diversity subcommittee
            a. Proposal addressing accessibility issues for students in wheelchairs and visually impaired students to access to printers coming November 10th
b. Subcommittee is interested in volunteering and wants to know if they need house approval to do so. House Leader Le Noc requests Representative Faggard keep the House up to date on volunteer information.

c. The subcommittee is interested in purchasing t-shirts and asked about a Graduate House logo. No logo specifically for Graduate House, but there is a student government logo. The House will not be providing funds for the subcommittee to purchase shirts.

d. The subcommittee is meeting with the international office on November 17th at 11:30am in the Thornton conference room. All House Representatives are invited to come.

e. Recommendation letter for Bangladesh Fulbright scholar has been sent out.

2. Social Media and Technology: Sarah Wall
   a. Has been managing twitter
   b. Created a new Facebook page while trying to get the old Facebook page taken down

3. Campus Life: Jenn Idema
   a. House Secretary Davis has requested a reservation in LBJ to hold our Meet and Greet event on November 29th.
      i. Waiting on Student Involvement to approve our request
   b. Deadline for subcommittee applications has been extended to November 5

4. Budget and Finance Committee: Gaurav Kumar
   a. Kumar was scheduled to meet with Dr. Wiser to discuss process for using our funds but the meeting was canceled due to the bomb threat on campus (10/26) and will be rescheduled.
      ii. University Committee Reports
          a. Library Committee: Kelly Gourluck
             i. Discussed the need for better signage on each floor
             ii. The first floor will soon have its own entrance

   iii. Advisor’s Report: Dr. Paulson
       1. Dr. Paulson was not at this meeting

VIII. Unfinished Business
   a. Events Sponsored or Co-sponsored by the Grad House
      i. Representative Idema wants to work with Representative Faggard about co-sponsoring an event with the Alumni association during baseball season
ii. Representative Idema would like to explore the idea of having our own booth at the student organization fair in the spring to recruit for subcommittees and increase our presence on campus.

iii. Representatives discussed the possibility of visiting department specific grad student org meetings to bring awareness and how to include round rock students in our events.

b. Custom Regalia’s
   i. Christopher Hanson reached out to House Leader Le Noc to meet to discuss the quote he received from the vendor. House Leader Le Noc is working on scheduling a time and will open the meeting to all Representatives.

c. Allies Training
   i. 6 Representatives have attended training so far.
   ii. Representative Cervantes will attend on November 4th.
   iii. House Leader Le Noc will inquire about how the Graduate House can become a “safe space”.

IX. New Business
a. Diversity Subcommittee Printing Station Proposal
   i. Representative Faggard said the subcommittee will have a proposal on November 10th.

X. Questions
a. Representative Idema: What is the average attendance at Graduate House events?
   i. House Secretary Davis noted that 24 students attended the Graduate House Social last year and about 40 attended the year before.

b. House Parliamentarian Gourluck: What does everyone think about getting our own Graduate House shirts?
   i. Discussed the possibility and cost effectiveness. Also discussed the possibility of using Maker Space to print shirts or nametags.

c. How many graduate students are we serving? How many graduate students are at the Round Rock campus? How many graduate programs are at the Round Rock Campus?
   i. Not sure of these numbers but House Secretary Davis will look into it and report back.

XI. Announcement
a. No announcements

XII. Adjournment
a. Representative Faggard motioned to adjourn the meeting. Representative Cervantes second the motion. House Leader Le Noc adjourned the meeting at 2:09pm.