

Graduate House of Representatives
Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2015

I. Call to Order

House Leader Schneider called the meeting to order at 1:06pm.

II. Role Call

Reps Present: Megan Holmes, William Sandel, Dannon Cox, Tanya Long, Zachary Vernon, Shelby Bouffard, Brendan Lavy, Kelly Gouluck, Maureen Pafumi, John McFarland, Joni Schneider, and Lee Hinkle

Reps Absent but Excused: Rebecca Silvas

Reps Absent: Amanda Folger

Others Present: Student Government Graduate House Advisor Dr. Eric Paulson;
Student Body President Stotler.

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Representative Pafumi motioned to approve of the minutes; seconded by Representative Long, and motion unanimously passed.

IV. Orders of the Day

Representative Pafumi motioned to approve the agenda as is; seconded by Representative Gouluck, and motion unanimously passed.

V. Guest Speakers

Kevin Walsh, Bobcat Blend Site Manager

- Representative Vernon proposed the House vote on creating a task force for Bobcat Blend; House Secretary Holmes will chair.
- Representative Pafumi will also be on the task force and will be meeting with graduate students in the college of business.

VI. Public Forum

There was no public forum.

VII. Reports of the Officers

a. Executive Leader's Report

President Stotler announced the Student Government funding for student organizations is up and applications are currently being accepted.

b. House Leader's Report

House Leader Schneider announced there is not a Senate meeting this Monday, October 26th.

c. Secretary's Report

House Secretary Holmes reviewed unexcused absences.

d. Parliamentarian's Report

House Parliamentarian Vernon clarified how many excused and unexcused absences Representatives are allowed per semester.

e. Committee Reports

i. Social Media and Technology

- Facebook is active and posts are increasing.
- Potential blog idea - "Tees for Truth".

ii. Diversity and Inclusion

- There was nothing new to report.

iii. Campus Life

- There was nothing new to report.

iv. Budget and Finance

- There was nothing new to report.

f. Commissions Reports

- Reminder for Representatives to fill out and complete applications online.
 - i. Campus Carry
 - a. Currently reviewing data collected from the Campus Carry Survey.

b. Advisor's Report

Dr. Paulson announced the meeting location for Friday, Nov 6th is TBA.

II. Unfinished Business

a. Title IX

- H.R.-2015-2016.01, Second Reading
 - Representative Vernon motioned to suspend the rules; Representative Pafumi seconded the motion, motion was passed.
 - a. Representative McFarland motioned to approve the amendments made to the legislation; Representative Lavy seconded;
 - b. Vernon motions to add House Secretary Holmes as a sponsor; Representative Long seconded the motion.
 - c. Legislation unanimously passed 12 – 0.
- Tees for Truth

- Representative Pafumi would like to highlight emotional abuse.
- Decorations will be completed Sunday, October 25th in LBJ on the 4th floor at 2:00pm.

b. Graduate House Social

- Sunday, April 3rd 2015
- Representative Vernon motioned to propose the fish hatchery as our first option; Representative McFarland seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously passed.
- The LBJ Museum will be the second option.

c. Lunch with the Deans

- House Leader Schneider proposed to have the lunch during a regular Graduate House meeting time.
- Proposed date is April 22nd, 2015.

III. New Business

a. Moderator Schedule for International Graduate Research Conference

- a. Dr. Rao has sent out the email for those interested in volunteering to moderate during the conference.

IV. Questions

There were no questions.

V. Announcements

a. Breaking the Silence Event - Dating and Domestic Violence

- Wednesday, October 28th from 12:30-1:45pm in UAC 474

a. Math Department will be hosting a Halloween social open to students in Derrick 333 on Wednesday, October 28th from 7:00-9:00pm

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Representative Vernon, seconded by Representative Holmes; motion unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:38pm.