**Student Government Graduate House of Representatives**

**Meeting Agenda**

**January 29, 2020**

1. Call to Order
   1. Called to order at 1:01pm
2. Swear In New Member ( Natasha Beck-King )
   1. Vice President Andrew Florence administers oath of office
3. Roll Call
   1. All active house members are in attendance
4. Approval of Minutes
   1. Motion by Rep Trevino
   2. Seconded by Rep Cessac
5. Orders of the Day
   1. No additions to the orders for the day
6. Guest Speakers
   1. Pres Valentinis-Dee offers introductions to the house.
   2. On legislation, it is the role of executive to sign or veto or do neither..
   3. Rep Gurung is recognized to reiterate the role of president in house meetings.
7. Public Forum
   1. No speakers at public forum.
   2. VIII. Reports
      1. a. Student Government Vice President’s Report: Andrew Florence
         1. Updates house government on attempts to create a collage of photos that includes all members of student government – bring back aspects of unity to student government

Rep. Beck-King asks if VP intents to take into account COVID guidelines

VP Florence agrees, COVID guidelines are important when finding a photographer

b. House Leader Report: Ashley Brown

- Leader Brown initiates discussion of legislation as emergency status

Leader Brown: Legislation passed in the senate affects the judiciary, thus the graduate house needs to review the legislation. SB ‘Check on the Supreme Court Act’ violates article 15 section 9 of the student government constitution requires due process protections which guarantees a standard and non-arbitrary trial construction, a right to counsel, a right to be informed of and to address the charges against them. The proposed bill does not provide any of these due process protections.

Also in violation of Article 6, section 17K, the constitution states that the senate can Establish regulations on the judiciary which do not have the effect of interfering in the judiciary’s independence, scope, impartiality, dignity, accessibility, or effectiveness. The proposed bill does interfere with the judiciary’s independence, effectiveness & dignity.

1. Emergency Status on Legislation
   1. Leader Brown states emergency status for discussion of the bill
2. Discussion & Debate
   1. Discussion of the bill
   2. Rep Trevino moves to close debate. Seconded by Rep Cessac.

House Secretary’s Report

1. As position is vacant, there is no report

House Parliamentarian’s Report: James Dyer

1. Reiterates importance of officer positions, and calls for volunteers

Committee Reports

Diversity and Inclusion: Andi, James , Natasha

1. Committee has received feedback from the graduate college on the survey. Plan to discuss it at the next committee meeting and present at next house meeting.

Social Media and Technology: Rex & Andi

1. Mentions we don’t have some photos for some students on the website yet.
2. Andi, thinking of restarting meet your rep Monday.

Campus Life: Liz Flores

1. No Report

Budget and Finance: Nishant, Chandan

1. Notes that we’ll have to find a way to spend the budget coming up soon.

University Committee Reports

1. None to report

Advisor’s report – Dr. Paulson

1. Presents TXstate research conference – thinks it would be a good idea for students to present
2. The Grad House will soon have a new advisor – Dr. Giuffre will make the shift gradually.

IX. Old Business

* 1. IX. New Business

a. “Check on The Supreme Court” \_Legislation Official Reading

Leader Brown reads the bill.

* 1. b. “Check on The Supreme Court” \_Legislation Official Vote
  2. Bill is unanimously rejected. Leader Brown will forward memorandum to Senate.

XI. Questions

XI. Adjournment

Motion made by Rep Trevino, seconded by Rep Cessac