Student Government Graduate House of Representatives
Meeting Agenda
September 27, 2019

I. Call to Order
(a) Meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm by House Leader Gurung.
(b) Quorum met.

II. Roll Call
(a) Austin not present.
(b) Brown not present

III. Approval of Minutes
(a) Representative Le Noc motioned to approve the minutes from 09/13/19.
(b) Representative Dyer second the motion.
(c) Vote was unanimous. Minutes approved.

IV. Orders of the Day
(a) No changes.

V. Guest Speakers
(a) No guest speakers.

VI. Public Forum
(a) No public Forum.

VII. Reports
(a) Student Government Vice President’s Report: Tucker Thompson
   i. TX ST University Voter registration had a very good event turnout.
   ii. MOVE plaque donated to student government
   iii. Diversity week: Oct. 25-Nov 2
        1. Encourage everyone to be included, details for div week on the student government website
        2. Send digital copy for advertising to deans of each college to send out to the entire colleges.
        3. To help promote this event to graduate students for bigger participation
   iv. Pre-Hygiene Menstrual Pilot Program:
        1. Products shipped, here by Monday
        2. In 6 buildings 15 bathrooms to add products
        3. Next step is to create an organization to maintain the program and is asking student government for help to. Ideas: create focus groups with on campus organizations.
4 Is asking for more ideas to make the program sustainable and get people excited about the organization.
5 Rep. Nguyen asked about what kind of resources would be needed to sustain the organization.
   a Faculty advisor constitution (to start)

(b) House Leader Report: Nishant Gurung
i. Constitution Day was great. James helped. Nishant mentioned he hopes to have more representation at events. He will be creating and coordinating events to upload to calendar.
ii. Grad House website updates
iii. Future legislation put on TRACS
   1 In Future we will not send emails with legislation.
   2 These will be loaded in TRACS for everyone to have access.
iv. Suggestion that house committees meet to be more efficient.
   1 Met and talked to committees
      a Diversity: he thinks it may be ideal that our committee and them can work together to coordinate. Gave some times as suggestions (i.e. Monday)
      b Grad House Logo: for flyers we will have to use TX ST Logo not the Grad House logo.
      c Mathew Gonzales is working on making a Grad Logo for the House and he is looking for ideas.

v. Grad. House Member Participation: We will need to coordinate to have some representation at the events and the burden will get shifted from one person.

(c) House Secretary’s Report: Jessica Ramos-Karmaker
i. Sent out email about website update. Requests that house members send in updated information for the website
ii. Minutes/agenda will be updated on website and TRACS

(d) House Parliamentarian’s Report: James Dyer
i. Robert’s Rule: all you need to do to speak is raise your hand
   1 How to make a motion

(e) Committees Reports
i. Diversity and Inclusion: Thi Nguyen and Taylor Mireles
      a Realized that each department had their own diversity and inclusion committee.
      b Educate people on different aspects on Diversity and inclusion
      c Kick-off proposal during Diversity and inclusion. The person in charge is Corey (Student Body President). Tucker said Deadline for proposals are Oct. 4th. This deadline is for proper advertising.
Idea: podcast from a Graduate House member where we talk about Diversity and Inclusion. Possibly include a faculty advisor where everyone can talk about their own view on diversity. Essentially uncover different voices that we have on campus.

i. What type of content do they want on these Podcasts?

ii. Jacob (Tucker’s Friend) maybe able to assist. He will connect them.

ii. Social Media and Technology: Jorlanditha Austin and Taylor Mireles

1. Rep. Mireles: Met with Nishant – talked about plans, want to get Instagram, twitter, and FB restarted and updated more frequently.
2. Planning to help with podcast, collaborate with diversity committee

iii. Campus Life: Leah Frye

1. Nothing to report. She asked for suggestions.
2. Ideas:
   a. Providing resources for graduate students
   b. Are currently scheduling ideas for meetings?
   c. Jen recommends that Leah can look at what the house has done previously. Information on TRACS and she offered her assistance to help Leah with the committee.

iv. Budget and Finance: Nishant Gurung and Jorlanditha Austin

1. House Leader Gurung: $2500.00 budget approved
2. If committees need a budget, they will have to request to Gurung to secure funds. All the funding information will be available on TRACS for transparency.
3. Le Noc suggests that we start planning out now about utilizing the money rather than waiting until May.
4. House Leader Gurung would like to distribute some money to each committee. He will request a budget report from all committees to estimate how much they would be needing for events.

(f) University Committee Reports

i. Graduate Council meeting was last week on 17, Rep. Faun was not available to attend and sent Rep. Frye in her place.

1. Welcome from all colleges
2. Purpose is to get all departments on the same page
3. Everyone is working as a team and know the same information
4. Recruitment and enrollment
   a. Has increased in numbers but programs were added also
   b. New application system is moving from Apply Texas to SLATE Website application
   c. Welcome letter: suggestion is that each department send out a welcome letter to the new applicants
d. Scholarship report is online and external funding and applications Open Oct. 1

e. Departmental Suspension and probation

f. Deadlines:
   i. Sept 27 – research conference
   ii. Oct 4th application

g. Application Bootcamp to help future students complete the application on Oct. 3

ii. QEP Task Force – Rep. Idema meet last week
   1. Working on budgeting resources and flush out report to be due to president.
   2. Trying to flesh out report that’s due to president at the end of the semester.
   3. Make center place where grad students/undergrads can be involved.

iii. Council Inclusive Excellence: Rep. Mireles:
   1. Talked about campus PD and how officers can get ALLY training to work on building more trust between studs and campus PD.
   2. Bring it up bobcats! Place for students to report incidents that don’t require UPD assistance, but still need to be reported such as:
      a. diversity issues
      b. offensive issues
      c. freedom of speech issues.
   3. Alexis asks about ALLY training dates available. Website was shown.
   4. James mentions mental health awareness training as a possible substitute.
   5. Jessica is trying to find some training in Round Rock

(g) Advisor’s Report: Dr. Paulson
   i. Nothing to report at this time.

VIII. Old Business
   (a) No old business.

IX. New Business
   (a) H.S.R 2019-2020.05 – Campus Life Committee Chair Confirmation
      iii. Vote to make this an Emergency
           1. Unanimous – to make H.S.R 2019-2020.05 and emergency piece
      iv. Discussion opens to floor: No discussion
      v. Rep Le Noc Moves to vote by voice
1 All in favor, no opposition, no abstentions
2 House Leader moves into period of discussion on the piece
3 Mael moves to temp suspend the rules and move to vote by voice
4 Rep. Fohn seconds
5 All in favor. No opposed. No abstentions.

vi. Piece is passed.

(b) H.S.R 2019-2020.06 – University Committees Confirmation
i. First reading by Re. Dyer.
ii. Le Noc motioned to suspend the rules to open discussion for the piece.
   Second by Rep. Fohn
iii. Rep. Dyer moves to make H.S.R 2019-2020.06 an emergency piece and
     seconded by Le Noc.
iv. All in favor to adopt as emergency piece.
   1 Unanimous vote.
v. Period of debate/discussion on the piece
vi. Rep Le Noc moves to temporarily suspend the rules and vote by voice
vii. Rep. Fohn seconds
viii. Unanimous – to make H.S.R 2019-2020.06 and emergency piece
ix. Discussion and debate for the piece opens to floor.
   1 No discussion
x. Le Noc Moves to vote on piece and seconded by Rep. Fohn
xi. Vote by voice
   1 Unanimous – Piece passes

(c) Graduate House Service and Leadership
i. Bobcat Bounty
   1 Dyer – passed out flyer on the event.
   2 Building momentum at this event.
      a Get Graduate House members to volunteer.
      b Shifts will be 3-8pm divided into different shifts. This will help
         build the relationship with Bobcat Bounty
      c Tucker states consistency is very important for this event
         because the students that goes for help need to feel secure
         and consistency will help the students.
      d James: Possibility of a food drive.
      e Volunteer form to fill out.
ii. International Research Conference
   1 Passed the sign-in sheet for the volunteers
iii. Student Government RoundTable Sept 30th, 2019
   1 Tucker: Monday’s 5pm – 6pm event
   2 Open to the public
iv. Diversity Week Oct 25 – Nov 2
v. Retreat:
1 Rep. Dyer asked what kind of penalty a student will have if they don’t go to the Oct 5th retreat if they did attend the first retreat.

2 Tucker said all students are encouraged to attend for the team building but no penalty would be applied because they attended one event already.
   a Working on new constitution and collaborate with the grad house. Event will be at LBJ.

3 Rep. Ramos-Karmaker asked if I did not make it to the first event and I will not make it to Oct 5th event what will happen? Tucker advised to email Corey about the absence.

vi. River Clean up: Tucker gave the information of where we will be meeting.
   1 He wants to keep track of how many bags of trash is picked up and document with pictures.
   2 He wants to divide the clean up so we don’t all clean up the same exact part of the river where it causes some groups to not pick up any trash.
   3 Last Sunday of every month

vii. San Marcos Transit Plan Discussion October 1, 2019

viii. Point of personal privilege requested by Rep Hawley to leave to attend a 3:15 meeting

(d) Graduate House Mission and Vision
   i. Went over the website to look over the mission and vision statements.

X. Questions
   (a) Nishant asked if any feedback or questions.

XI. Announcement
   (a) No announcements.

XII. Adjournment
   (a) Motioned Le Noc seconded by Dyer