**Student Government Graduate House of Representatives Meeting Minutes**  
**23 September 2022**

1. Call to Order: (1:01 PM)
2. Roll Call
   1. In Attendance: Atkinson, Beck-King, Fritz, Gehin, Kimmel, Limberg, Mellow, Ota, Respondek, Sanchez, Wrightsman
   2. Absent: Dickerson, Chuma
3. Approval of Minutes
   1. approved
4. Orders of the Day
   1. approved
5. Guest Speakers
   1. None
6. Public Forum
   1. Mariella: takes classes exclusively at Round Rock, classes at night, all of the sections are hybrid (some of the class is in San Marcos and some of the class is in round rock and the instructor is in San Marcos), challenging to follow the course properly. Sit in the classroom in round rock, the screen has the professor, the audio picks up all external noises, the professor moves and you can’t hear them, can’t see what’s written on the board, hard to ask questions, professor will mute the round rock class and that makes it even harder to ask questions, hard to create a personal relationship with professors, don’t know what’s going on over half the time in the class because can’t hear, the format is the problem. Easier when the professor is in round rock. She asked around in her class and everyone feels the same way. 17 students in round rock, 17 in San Marcos per class, wants two separate sections, one on each campus.
      1. Thibault reached out to dean for McCoy and program coordinator, they understand the issue the students are having. They are trying to minimize the problems; they are working to separate the sections by campus as suggested. Working to cap classes at 20 students (instead of 34, 17 per campus)
      2. She wants by next spring there to be two proper sections for each class they are required to take
      3. One time class moved to zoom for one session, and it was easier to understand the professor
      4. Why don’t we move the whole class to zoom? – most of the class are international and they have to be in person for homeland security rules
      5. Plan of action: Keep putting pressure on the department to make changes to the classes (technology)
      6. See if ITAC can find a solution to make class better right now
7. Reports
   1. Student Government Vice President’s Report: Florence
      1. Legislation to get rid of the freshman housing requirement; did not pass
      2. Legislation to notify people who run for office if they won or not; passed
      3. Night Safety Walk, 9/28, 7:30pm-10pm
      4. Conference: Leave No Victim Behind Conference 10/24-26, student gov guaranteed 10 spots
      5. Got new senators, but if we know anyone who would be willing to serve, they are still looking to fill more positions
   2. House Leader Report: Gehin
      1. International Student’s Meeting (Wednesday, September 14th)
         1. President came and talked to international students
      2. Constitution Day (Friday, September 16th)
         1. Gave constitutions to students
      3. Open Forum with Texas State Students with Dr. Baird, SACSCOC, Texas State’s Southern Association of Colleges and Schools’ Vice President (Wednesday, September 21st)
         1. Student meeting with accreditation team
      4. ISSS – US tax for Non-Residents (Wednesday, September 21st)
         1. Video to share with international students
      5. Job Fair (Wednesday, September 21st)
         1. 3 day event for graduate students and undergraduate students
      6. Graduate Council (Thursday, September 29th)
      7. Change to Calico – Adjust Biographies
         1. Website changing to new host, if you have any changes to your biographies now is the time
   3. House Secretary’s Report: Fritz
      1. Discussion about attendance: reminder of the policy and brought up what to do about house member with 3 unexcused absences
         1. Plan for addressing the unexcused absences: send the policy to everyone, send the person a first written warning and a chance to resign if they desire a few days later
   4. House Parliamentarian’s Report: Sanchez
      1. None
   5. House Media Liaison: Mellow
      1. Proofread the biographies because those will go on social media, also wants to tag us in the stories, share the accounts with your friends
   6. Committees’ Reports
      1. Diversity and Inclusion: Wrightsman and Limberg
         1. No report
      2. Social Media and Technology: Mellow
         1. No report
      3. Campus Life:
         1. No Report
      4. Budget and Finance: Gehin and Kimmel
         1. No Report
      5. Graduate Employee Relations: Atkinson
         1. No Report
   7. University Committee Reports
      1. No reports
   8. Advisor’s Report: Dr. Giuffre
      1. Graduate professional fair on October 12th 3-6pm, wants two reps to help talk to students informally
      2. 3MT reminder: thesis and dissertation findings
      3. Shop Talks, share social media about that
8. Old Business
   1. Survey
      1. Approved for distribution
      2. Decided to end the survey on Nov 11th
      3. Do the drawing on Nov 18th (last meeting)
      4. Katlyn will write a draft email house members can send to departments
      5. 3 winners, 2 gift cards and a swag bag
9. New Business
   1. None
10. Questions
    1. None
11. Announcements
    1. If you have any events in your programs share them with Abby to share on social media
12. Adjournment (2:07 PM)
    1. Seconded by Atkinson