Student Government

Graduate House of Representatives Meeting

September 14, 2018

I. Call to Order
House Leader Le Noc called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

II. Roll Call
Representatives absent: Gallardo

III. Approval of Minutes
Representative Didion motioned to approve the minutes. Representative Idema second the motion; minutes approved.

IV. Orders of the Day

V. Guests Speakers
There were no guest speakers.

VI. Public Forum
There was no public forum.

VII. Reports
a. Student Government Vice President’s Report: Alison Castillo
   Vice President Castillo and Chief of Staff Matthew Gonzales have been visiting underrepresented student organizations with efforts to recruit new senators and increase involvement in student government.

b. House Leader Report: Mael Le Noc
   House Leader Le Noc attended the first student government task force committee and asks all Representatives to bring concerns related to the code or constitution to him.

c. House Secretary’s Report: Brittany Davis
   House Secretary Davis asked Representatives to stake some International Research Conference posters to their departments.

d. House Parliamentarian’s Report: Jennifer Idema
   Nothing to report

e. Committees Reports
   i. Diversity and Inclusion: Thi Nguyen and Lorraine Lobo
There is now a Slack workspace for subcommittee members.
The subcommittee is organizing a workshop to plan goals for the year and to discuss what diversity and inclusion means. Will take place September 18th from 11-12:30. Location TBD.

ii. Social Media and Technology: Anthony Gallardo
   Representative Gallardo was not present

iii. Campus Life: Jennifer Idema and Amarilis Castillo
   Nothing to report

iv. Budget and Finance: Blair Didion and Dylan Douthitt
   With the planned events proposed by Representative Idema, we have a remaining budget of $750.
   A folder with the budget outline has been created in TRACS.

v. Learning Management Systems Committee: Blair Didion
   The committee will meet next week.

vi. Council on Inclusive Excellence: Amarilis Castillo
   The committee will meet next week.

vii. Graduate Council Committee: Britney Larson

f. Advisor’s Report: Dr. Paulson
   A few other committee opportunities to serve on committees will come soon.

VIII. New Business
   a. H.S.R. 2018-2019.02 – Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chairpersons Confirmation
      Representative Idema read the first reading of the simple solution.
   b. H.S.R. 2018-2019.03 Campus Life Committee Chairpersons Confirmation
      Representative Douthitt read the first reading of the simple solution.
   c. H.S.R. 2018-2019.04 Budget and Finance Committee Chairpersons Confirmation
      Representative Davis read the first reading of the simple solution.
   d. H.S.R. 2018-2019.05 Social Media and Technology Committee Chairpersons Confirmation
      i. Representative Didion read the first reading of the simple solution.
   e. H.R. 2018-2019.01 Custom Regalia
      i. Representative Idema read the first reading of the simple solution.
   f. University Curriculum Committee Graduate Student Voting Member
      i. This committee meets to discuss curriculum on campus and is seeking a student representative who will have a vote in that committee.
      ii. One meeting 11/9 from 1-5; January 25th and February 1st
      iii. There were no Representatives interested in serving on that committee.
      House Leader Le Noc will reach out to subcommittee members.
   g. Dean Golato’s Response to Student Complaint
      i. Copy of Dr. Golato’s response was distributed to all members
ii. Issue closed.
h. 2018-2019 Tentative Budget
   i. This item was discussed during the Budget and Finance Committee Report
   ii. Graduate Student Events Advisory Subcommittee Changes
      i. Representative Idema proposed to change the committee focus from advisory to more practitioner-focused to assist with running the House’s proposed events.
      ii. An application for members will be developed stipulating that student is required to help with at least two events and a full semester commitment.
      iii. Representative Idema wants to change the name to the Graduate House Events Subcommittee and is open to any suggestions.
      iv. Proposed events include: Networking night in October; tailgate in November; GSAW coffee and coloring in April at the main campus and in Round Rock; and women’s sport event in the spring; networking night in the spring as well
      v. Representative Idema asked for permission to begin planning these events.
      vi. Representative Davis motioned to give Representative Idema permission to being moving forward with planning the events within the proposed budgets; Representative Didion second the motion.
   j. Graduate House Website Review
      Representative Didion motioned to table this item; Representative Lobo second the motion
   IX. Questions
       Representative Nguyen asked if we should add our mission and vision to the code.
   X. Announcements
      -Representative Davis reminded Representatives to encourage their colleagues to sign up to present at the upcoming research conference.
      -Representative Didion shared that the Air force birthday celebration will take place in LBJ 4-13 from 10am-12pm on September 18th.
   XI. Adjournment
       Representative Douthitt motioned to adjourn the meeting; Representative Lobo second the motion. House Leader Le Noc adjourned the meeting at 1:40 pm.