

# Student Government Graduate House of Representatives

## Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2019

- I. Call to order  
House Leader Le Noc called the meeting to order at 1:01pm
- II. Roll Call  
Representatives Present: Austin, Ayala, Castillo, Davis, Didion, Douthitt, Gillman, Idema, Larson, Le Noc, Lobo, Nguyen, and Ramos-Karmaker
- III. Approval of Minutes  
Representative Didion motioned to approve the minutes; Representative Idema second the motion. Vote was unanimous. Minutes from February 1, 2019 meeting approved.
- IV. Orders of the Day
- V. Guest Speakers
  - (a) Plunkett/Torpey Campaign
    - i. Plunkett & Torpey not present.
  - (b) Benbow/Thompson Campaign
    - i. Still seeking approval to talk, so Senator Gasponi given the floor
  - (c) Senator Gasponi
    - i. Claudia Gasponi spoke about the letter she sent to House members on February 5<sup>th</sup> regarding impeachment of President Allison Castillo.
    - ii. Senator Gasponi stated she has four (4) sponsors from the Senate and needs at least three (3) from the House.
  - (d) Student Body President Castillo  
President-Elect Castillo addressed the House about the articles of impeachment.
  - (e) Benbow/Thompson Campaign
    - i. Cory Benbow and Tucker Thompson shared information about their campaign platform and answered questions raised by the House.
- VI. Public Forum  
There was no public forum
- VII. Reports
  - a. Student Government Vice President's Report: Keely Freund
    - (Acting) Vice President Freund introduced herself and said she will be at all the House meetings.
    - She said an Allies training is planned for February 21; there will be another in March, if anyone is interested and cannot make it next week.
    - She asked if we were familiar with "plogging," it is a fun run that includes picking up litter while running in designated teams. There will be a plogging run on March 31.

- b. House Leader Report: Maël Le Noc
  - House Leader Le Noc explained the process of impeachment; as a representative you can sign the articles of impeachment as an individual and not something that involves the entire House; anyone can contact him with questions at any time.
- c. House Secretary Report: Brittany Davis
  - Nothing to report
- d. House Parliamentarian's Report: Jennifer Idema
  - Nothing to report
- e. Committees Reports
  - i. Diversity and Inclusion: Thi Nguyen and Lorraine Lobo
    - Representative Nguyen stated that the survey showed collaboration among grad students is important.
  - ii. Social Media and Technology: Jorlanditha Austin
    - Representative Austin has begun posting on social media and will curate custom images.
    - She plans on three (3) posts a week as the goal and would like to do something on the Quad.
  - iii. Campus Life: Jenn Idema and Amarilis Castillo
    - Nothing to report
  - iv. Budget and Finance: Blair Didion and Dylan Douthitt
    - Representative Didion are working said the issue with the funds has been resolved and the missing \$1000 have been returned to our account.
- f. University Committee Reports
  - i. Council of Inclusive Excellence: Amarilis Castillo
    - 1. There was a meeting earlier today and it was a sort of workshop on having difficult conversations
    - 2. Will invite Ameerah McBride to one of our meetings as a guest speaker
  - ii. QEP Task Force: Jenn Idema
  - iii. Veterans Advisory Council: Blair Didion
    - 1. The Veterans Memorial in front of Flowers Halls needs to be updated. Representative Didion will author legislation to get this done; Representative Idema agreed to co-author.
  - iv. Graduate Council: Jessica Ramos
    - 1. Deadline for departments to submit brochure changes is today
- g. Advisor's Report: Dr. Paulson
  - i. No report; Not present.

#### Old Business

- a. Graduate Student Survey

- i. House Leader Le Noc said we received over 200 responses to the survey.
  - ii. Representative Idema suggested we all read the responses, and each choose 2 areas to review and come prepared to discuss at our next meeting.
- b. Networking Night/Alpha Chi Partnership
  - i. Networking night partnership with Alpha Chi is Wednesday, March 6 from 5-7pm in UAC 208 and the reception will be in UAC 120
- c. Graduate Student Appreciation Week
  - i. Representative Didion conducted a presentation on how to approach businesses for GSAW donations. He had three main points:
    - 1. Make the donation/sponsorship valuable for the business so that this is something that will benefit them.
    - 2. Businesses think that graduate students have more money to spend than undergraduates; this is good because they assume that because you are a graduate student you will come back and spend money at their business if they donate; and,
    - 3. Find out who the person in charge is and solicit the donation in person; it is harder to say no to when face-to-face than via email or over the phone.
- d. Graduate House Advertisement Items
  - i. Representative Idema gave a presentation of various items she researched, and the prices associated with those items. The items included grocery bags, USB drives, pens, highlighters/sticky notes/pens set, bookmark/sticky notes/ruler set, popsocket for phones, t-shirt, ID holder, and clip. The two most popular items among the group were:
 

1. Grocery Bags	amount:350	price:\$508.60
2. Highlighters/sticky notes/pens set	amount:400	price: \$750.00

 All the items can be purchased in our colors.

IX. New Business

- a. Bobcat Build
  - i. Representative Idema suggested that we might want to have a Grad House Team; this is a community outreach event; will happen April 13 8am-Noon. Representative Didion said there is a max of 20 per group.
  - ii. Idema will send out more information and bring it up with the Senate on Monday.
- b. Student Government Scholarship
  - i. VP Freund mentioned that there is a Student Government scholarship that awards up to \$1000 and is also available for graduate students.

X. Announcements

- a. Representative Didion said that at the baseball game at 6pm, the first of the year, he will throw out the first ball as a Veteran and was inviting everyone to attend.

XI. Adjournment

Representative Didion motioned to adjourn the meeting; Representative Ramos-Karmaker second the motion; meeting adjourned at 2:46pm