Student Government Graduate House of Representatives

Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2018

I. Call to order
House Leader Le Noc called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

II. Roll Call
Representatives not present: Lobo and Larson

III. Approval of Minutes
Representatives Douthitt motioned to approve the minutes; Representative Idema second the motion. Minutes from November 9, 2018 meeting approved.

IV. Orders of the Day
Representative Idema motioned to add “discussion of House/Senate joint workshop” to the agenda.

V. Confirmation of New Representative
New Representative was unable to attend this meeting. Confirmation will take place next meeting.

VI. Guest Speaker
Dr. Arellano, Dean of Students: Student Government Task Force Update
- Goal to increase attendance; clarify parts of the constitution; and increase diversity of students participating in student government
- New constitution draft expected to be shared on Monday or Tuesday next week then we will have 2-3 weeks to develop feedback. Share this document with student organizations and anyone else you would like to provide feedback.
- House-specific changes: House’s role in the impeachment process will change: one chamber starts the article, then other chamber reads and decides if there is enough evidence and then the process moves forward.
- Appointment to graduate house will take place by March 15th
- Coalition system for senators – but independent vote for present and vice president. Appoint 8 senators from diverse groups instead of college seats (to bring voices to those that don’t normally have a voice). Still deciding how these seats will be appointed. Representative Douthitt suggests these are defined clearly.
• New constitution to be implemented next academic year. This election cycle will go into effect next year (not this upcoming election).
• House Leader and a Senate Leader

VII. Public Forum
a. Jared Olbeg
   i. Interested in forming a committee to investigate off-campus living options for students. The committee would find out how the university vets the facilities associated the universities and hopefully involve students in the selection process in the future.

VIII. Reports
a. Student Government Vice President: Alison Castillo
   i. Attended the board of regents meeting
   ii. Christmas Party on Monday 12/3 in Strahan Arena from 5-7pm
b. House Leader Report: Maël Le Noc
   i. Nothing to report
c. House Secretary’s Report: Brittany Davis
   i. Nothing to report
d. House Parliamentarian Report: Jenn Idema
   i. Nothing to report
e. Committees Reports
   i. Diversity and Inclusion: Thi Nguyen and Lorraine Lobo
      1. Peter, Melanie, and Ron from the Honors college visited to discuss the undergraduate research conference and first generation/minority initiatives with The Graduate College.
      2. There is interest in starting a mentoring program for students in the honors college connecting undergraduates with graduate students.
      3. April 26th is the undergraduate research conference. Representatives interested in volunteering as a judge or speaker should get in contact with Melanie.
      4. Dr. Bowman also visited the meeting and shared information about hiring and academic opportunities for first generation/minority students. If graduate students feel like they are feeling or witnessing that they are not getting the same opportunities other graduate students are getting, they should bring that to your coordinators attendance.
      5. Making progress on the accessible printing stations in the library. They should be implemented soon
   ii. Social Media and Technology: Vacant
   iii. Campus Life: Jenn Idema and Amarilis Castillo
      1. Cancelling fall networking night
      2. Focus on few events executed really well
   iv. Budget and Finance: Blair Didion and Dylan Douthitt
f. University Committee Reports
   i. Learning Management Systems: Blair Didion Sr.
      1. Still working on deciding which software to use
      2. Please complete surveys as soon as possible
   ii. Council for Inclusive Excellence: Amarilis Castillo
      1. Focusing on the campus climate survey
      2. The bias incident report committee has been created
      3. The campus climate survey is available online.
   iii. Library Advisory Board: Brittany Davis on behalf of HeeJae Chung
      1. Library seeking student input for changes, specifically with computer labs

   g. Advisor’s Report: Dr. Paulson
      i. Graduate Council seeking a new representative to serve in the spring:
         meetings are from 12:30-2pm, Thursday 1/31, Monday 2/25, Thurs 3/28, and Thurs 4/25. Main job is to take notes and bring them back to the House.
         1. Representative Davis motioned to go to a committee of the whole; Representative Idema second the motion.
         2. The committee of the whole report: H.S.R. 2018-2019.08 “confirmation of graduate student nominated as member of the graduate council”
            a. Representative Davis read the H.S.R. 2018-2019.08
            b. Representative Didion motioned to make the resolution an emergency piece since the first grad council meeting is before our next Graduate House meeting. Representative Idema second the motion.
            c. All voted unanimous.
         3. Representative Ramos-Karmaker will serve on the council in the spring
   ii. Lunch with the Deans
      1. Officers to revisit last year’s topics and communicate via email with Representatives on topics. Decide on topics before the lunch.
   iii. Grad College Shop Talk: What I Wish I had Been Told as a New Graduate Student – February 4th 5-6:15
      1. Volunteers: Representative Le Noc, Ayala, and Idema

IX. Old Business
   a. H.R. Research Tools for Doctoral Students
      i. Representative Davis read the H.R. for the second time.
      ii. Debate and discussion.
      iii. Representative Idema motioned to end the period of debate and discussion; Representative Didion second the motion.
iv. Representative Idema motioned to move to a vote; Representative Didion second the motion.
v. Vote was unanimous
b. Lunch with the Deans
   i. Addressed in advisors report
c. Graduate Student Survey
   i. Representatives reviewed the survey and agreed to move forward.
   ii. Representative Davis will work with the office of Institutional Research to get the survey distributed in the Spring.
X. New Business
   a. Graduate Council Representative
      i. Addressed in advisors report
   b. Networking Night/Alpha Chi Partnership
      i. The House would like to host an event before the speaker which would be open to undergraduates.
      ii. Representative Idema is moving forward with planning the event.
   c. Spring 2019 Meeting Schedule
      i. Distributed along with updated roster
      ii. Representative Davis will send outlook items for each meeting as we get rooms scheduled
d. Individual Goals Review
      i. Representative Idema motioned to table this for next meeting; Representative Davis second the motion.
XI. Questions
None
XII. Announcements
None
XIII. Adjournment
   a. Representative Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting; Representative Idema second the motion.
   b. House Leader Le Noc adjourned the meeting at 2:48pm