Student Government Graduate House of Representatives

Meeting Agenda

September 28, 2018

I. Call to order
   House Leader Le Noc called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call
   Representative not present: Gallardo

III. Approval of the minutes
   Representative Didion motioned to approve the minutes. Representative Idema second the motion. Minutes from September 14, 2018 meeting approved.

IV. Orders of the Day
   Representative Davis motioned to move potential committee members, Water Furness, Heejae Chung, and Zachary Nolen, as well as Supreme Court Justice Nominee Ashlyn Scott to the Guest Speaker item. Representative Didion second the motion.

V. Guests Speakers
   a. Caitlin Leahy – Publications Writer, The Graduate College
      i. Provided handout with Texas State University social media resources
      ii. Discussed best practices for social media
   b. Ashlyn Scott – Supreme Court Justice Nominee
      i. Provided a statement about her personal, professional, and educational background and why she will be a great justice.
   c. Zachary Nolen – Curriculum Committee Nominee
      i. Provided brief introduction and overview of why he would like to be on the committee.
   d. Walter Furness – Library Advisory Board Committee Nominee
      i. Provided brief introduction and overview of why he would like to be on the committee.
   e. Heejae Chung – Library Advisory Board Committee Nominee
      i. Provided brief introduction and overview of why he would like to be on the committee.

   - Representative Idema motioned to move agenda items VIII. (f) University Curriculum Committee Graduate Student Voting Member, IX (b) H.S.R. 2018-2019.06 Graduate Supreme Court Justice Confirmation and IX (c) H.S.R. 2018-2019.07 University Committee Confirmations to emergency status so we can let the guests leave. Representative Didion second the motion.

   f. H.S.R. 2018-2019.06 Graduate Supreme Court Justice Confirmation
      i. Representative Idema read the piece.
      ii. No debate and discussion; no amendments
      iii. Representative Didion motioned to call to question; Representative Davis second the motion.
      iv. Vote was unanimous; resolution passed.
g. University Curriculum Committee Graduate Student Voting Member
   i. Graduate Student Zachary Nolen from the Biology Department is nominated for this committee.

h. H.S.R. 2018-2019.07 University Committee Confirmations
   i. Representative Davis read the piece.
   ii. No debate and discussion
   iii. Amendments:
        1. Added Representative Didion as Veterans Advisor Council member and Learning Management Systems Committee member. Also, added verbiage “graduate student representative” behind Jennifer Idema’s name. no amendments
   iv. Representative Douthitt motioned to call to question; Representative Castillo second the motion.
   v. Vote was unanimous; resolution passed.

i. Vote to approve: move to emergency piece

VI. Public Forum
Rico Gonzales, Coordinator of Special Projects for the Dean of Students Office introduced himself and shared that he is also on the constitutional revision task force.

VII. Reports
a. Student Government Vice President’s Report: Alison Castillo
   Vice President Castillo was not present.

b. House Leader Report: Mael Le Noc
   i. Reminds Representatives to bring new ideas related to the constitution to him to bring to the task force.
   ii. The Cabinet will be meeting weekly now. If there are any items House Leader Le Noc should bring to the cabinet, please share them with him.
   iii. Star grant funds are being used quickly; remind your constituents to apply if they are interested.

c. House Secretary: Brittany Davis
   i. Nothing to report

d. House Parliamentarian: Jenn Idema
   i. Nothing to report

e. Committees Report
   i. Diversity and Inclusion: Thi Nguyen and Lorraine Lobo
      1. The workshop was successful today. Continuing to set goals for the academic year.
      2. Next meeting is on October 12th from 11:30-12:30 in JCK 460
   ii. Social Media and Technology: Anthony Gallardo
      1. Representative Gallardo is not present.
   iii. Campus Life: Jennifer Idema and Amarilis Castillo
      1. Decided to sponsor a volleyball game instead of a tailgate. Aiming for the last home game on October 26th.
      2. Networking nights
a. Decided on hosting Networking Nights on a Monday. Representative Idema will send potential dates to all Representatives.

3. Looking for a chair of the subcommittee. If any Representatives are interested in chairing, please let her know.

4. A doodle poll will circulate to determine a date for a Holiday Party in December.

iv. Budget and Finance Committee: Blair Didion and Dylan Douthitt
1. All proposed events are in the budget.

f. University committee reports
i. Learning Management Systems: Blair Didion
1. October 15th the sandbox goes live for Canvas and Desire to Learn, which are the two systems that are to replace TRACS
2. If you are selected, please fill out feedback forms.

ii. Graduate Council: Britney Larson
1. Remind constituents that Dr. Hilkovitz is available for external funding
2. Grad College Scholarships and GC scholarships are now combined so you can easily apply for both
3. Students traveling within US can get funding to present at conferences

iii. Veterans Advisory Council: Blair Didion
1. Looking for volunteers for the Annual BBQ on October 22nd at Sewell Park

iv. Council on Inclusive Excellence: Amarilis Castillo
1. First meeting was September 21, 2018
2. President Trauth attended and provided three main points
   a. Analyze the campus climate survey
   b. Understand what we are already doing on campus
   c. Meetings should have actionable items or outcomes

v. Advisor’s Report: Dr. Paulson
Nothing to report

VIII. Old Business
a. H.S.R. 2018-2019.02 – Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chairs Confirmation
   i. Representative Didion motioned to suspend the rules and consider this piece already read; Representative Idema second the motion.
   ii. Representative Douthitt motioned to call to question; Representative Didion second the motion.
   iii. Representatives voted unanimously; resolution passes.

b. H.S.R. 2018-2019.03 – Campus Life Committee Chairs Confirmation
   i. Representative Didion motioned to suspend the rules and consider this piece already read; Representative Douthitt second the motion.
   ii. Representative Douthitt motioned to call to question; Representative Didion second the motion.
   iii. Representatives voted unanimously; resolution passes.

c. H.S.R. 2018-2019.04 - Budget and Finance Committee Chairs Confirmation
   i. Representative Idema motioned to suspend the rules and consider this piece already read; Representative Lobo second the motion.
ii. Representative Lobo motioned to call to question; Representative Larson second the motion.

iii. Representatives voted unanimously; resolution passes.

d. H.S.R. 2018-2019.05 - Social Media and Technology Committee Chair Confirmation

i. Representative Didion motioned to suspend the rules and consider this piece already read; Representative Didion second the motion.

ii. Representative Douthitt motioned to call to question; Representative Didion second the motion.

iii. Representatives voted unanimously; resolution passes.

e. Custom regalia

i. Representative Davis motioned to suspend the rules and consider this piece already read; Representative Lobo second the motion.

ii. Representatives reviewed and unanimously voted on amendments.

iii. Representative Douthitt motioned to call to question; Representative Lobo second the motion.

iv. Representatives voted unanimously; resolution passes.

IX. New Business

a. Confirmation of Graduate House Member(s) as Senator(s) Ex Officio

i. Representative Davis nominated House Leader Le Noc as Senator Ex Officio; Lorraine Second the motion.

b. International Research Conference for Graduate Students

i. Representative Davis announced that The Graduate College is looking for volunteers to assist at the research conference and will send a volunteer sign up link to all representatives today.

c. Graduate House Service and Leadership

i. Representative Davis discussed the importance of service and leadership in our positions as representatives and encouraged representatives to step up and volunteer for committees and other service opportunities.

ii. Representative Davis also suggested The House consider passing a bill that would require representatives to engage in service and leadership.

d. Mission and vision for The Graduate House

i. Representative Idema will start a draft and share it with everyone through a google doc and have it ready for the next meeting.

X. Question

a. Student complaint from Representative Didion’s constituent: why is there not an American flag in every classroom?

i. Representative Didion will research with the University as to why flags are not in classrooms.

b. Representative Davis asked if the student who brought the custom regalia concern to The House, Christopher Hanson, is still a student.

i. House Leader Le Noc informed that he is still a student.

XI. Announcements
a. Representative Idema shared that Alpha Chi will be hosting an event for undergrads that focuses on graduate school and asked for flyers and materials to promote Graduate House.

XII. Adjourn
a. Representative Douthitt motioned to adjourn the meeting; Representative Lobo second the motion.
b. House Leader Le Noc adjourned the meeting at 2:17pm.