**Student Government Graduate House of Representatives Meeting Minutes**  
**November 19, 2021**

1. Call to Order: (1:03 PM)
2. Roll Call
   1. In Attendance: Casagrande, Torres, Van Gorkom, Morton, Atkinson, Howlader, David, Cessac
   2. Absent: Heinemann, Wiethoff, DeSalvo, Chuma, Beck-King
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Orders of the Day
5. Guest Speakers
   1. Dean Golato:
      1. Introduction to policy making on campus:
         1. Some policy changes are the result of legal requirements and receive no discussion.
         2. Policy changes which are not required by required by law are generated through shared governance.
         3. The Graduate Council can recommend changes to policy which are then considered by UPPSes and PPSes.
      2. Process of comment and review on policies being considered is normal and necessary.
      3. A policy which would allow departments to dismiss students for ethical reasons was recommended by legal council.
      4. Honor and Research councils hold the authority to punish students in cases of dishonesty.
      5. Students who cannot advance for ethical or honesty reasons might “time out” of program, but currently cannot be dropped from programs.
      6. Some students may make themselves a nuisance to other students or may engage in cyber-bullying of students and faculty. No policy on cyber-bullying currently exists.
      7. The Dean of Students will speak on student conduct issues in January as part of a slow and purposeful process or review in drafting ethics policy.
      8. It may be better to adjust existing policies rather than creating a new ethics policy.
6. Public Forum: None
7. Reports
   1. Student Government Vice President’s Report: Quintin R. Lorenz
      1. No Report
   2. House Leader Report: Jeremy David
      1. Senate has not voted on constitutional amendments but has provided an annotated list of proposed changes.
      2. Bobcat Cares grants will be available again on January 8th.
      3. Representative Beck-King will be briefly stepping away from House duties for personal reasons.
   3. House Secretary’s Report: Atkinson
      1. No Report
   4. House Parliamentarian’s Report: Van Gorkom
      1. Please use winter break to review the proposed amendments, which will probably be the 1st issues voted on by the Senate in the Spring.
      2. Leasers and Committee Chairs should be adding pass down documents to Canvas to ease transitions.
   5. Committees Reports
      1. Diversity and Inclusion:
         1. No Report
      2. Social Media and Technology:
         1. No Report
      3. Campus Life:
         1. No Report
      4. Budget and Finance:
         1. No Report
      5. Graduate Employee Relations: Morton
         1. Feedback indicates that grad students want more social activities and additional opportunities to meet with campus administration.
         2. Concerns have been expressed of lack of review of academic content in graduate courses.
   6. University Committee Reports
      1. No Reports
   7. Advisor’s Report: Dr. Giuffre
      1. International Student Success events will be held in February.
      2. Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW) will be April 4th-8th
      3. The International Research Conference will be held during GSAW.
      4. The Graduate Student Award Ceremony has been tentatively scheduled for April 22nd. House Representatives will be recognized.
      5. We need a new Grad Council member for Spring 2022.
      6. Representative Cessac will graduate on December 10th.
8. Old Business: None
9. New Business
   1. Graduate Student Fitness Policy
      1. The House of concerned how the policy will be applied to neuro-diverse students and that the policy might be used to punish students with unpopular ideas.
      2. The House recommends that the policy include a Student Advocate and that it be flexible enough to fit the needs of departments.
   2. Graduate Assistantships:
      1. The House recommends a transparent and consistent policy in hiring graduate assistants.
      2. Staff positions are hired directly by HR, so the Graduate Policy can directly set policy for some positions.
      3. There is a UPPS that handles policy regarding Graduate Assistants.
10. Questions
    1. Should the House host a social event for Representatives? General consensus was yes.
    2. Could Graduate Students have more freedom to use university resources like classrooms and computer labs after hours? Could on campus businesses stay open later?
11. Announcements: None
12. Adjournment (2:45 PM)