Student Government Graduate House of Representatives

Meeting Minutes

November 8th, 2019

I. Call to Order

(a) Meeting was called to order at 1:11 pm by House Leader Gurung

II. Roll Call

(a) Not present

i. Representative Leah Frye

ii. Representative Joanna Fohn

(b) Representative Taylor Mireles

(c) Quorum met

(d) Representative Idema asked for personal privilege at 1:58 pm.

III. Approval of Minutes

(a) Representative Austin motioned to approve the minutes from 10/25/2019

(b) Representative Dyer second

(c) Vote was unanimous. Minutes approved

IV. Orders of the Day

(a) No changes

V. Guest Speakers

(a) Brittany Davis Graduate College

i. Graduate Student Appreciation Week - GSAW

1 Coffee and coloring – Wednesday morning for Spring 2020

2 Passed out a calendar for the tentative schedule

3 Cheese social is usually the big kick off for GSAW

4 House is welcomed to co-sponsor these events

5 Instead of creating a new event on GSAW we can work together will the grad college and work together to sponsor these events

a Good way to work together and reach more students

6 House needs to give confirmation before winter break about what events the house wants to hold in Spring

ii. The campus life event that may be held in Fall 2019 The house will need to get with Paloma to get the marketing on the plasma TV and marketing materials.

iii. Brought flyers for Graduate house to distribute to other graduate students to invite them to discuss their research projects.

iv. 3MT – Thesis and dissertation flyer was handed out to distribute

v. A task force about the Grad Commons has been formed she will be reaching out to the grad house to give feedback about the Grad Commons. What's working and what's not working?

1 House Leader Nishant mentioned that having a computer available to use instead of an iPad only would make it easier to login.

2 Rep. Dyer asked for the campus life event in Fall 2019, do we need to reserve the entire room?

a To avoid any conflicts that could arise, reserve the entire room.

(b) Senator Matthew Gonzales

i. Discussed the changes with social media and branding marketing

ii. Switch from social media handles and avatars. Are improving the marketing and what does brand look like for Student government. Wants to make sure it looks more uniformed. Other universities have student government_graduatehouse. TXST_SGGraduateHouse

iii. Change the avatars to make one uniform or very similar. Changing the current twitter avatar.

1 Representative Austin stated she requested feedback from the grad members about the changes in marketing. An opportunity to create the bridge between Senate and Graduate House.

2 Student Body Vice President Thompson the biggest issue was regarding marketing materials.

3 Representative Austin mentioned that if we can roll out the uniformity so the grad House can finish the current material and then switch over to the new branding

4 Representative Le Noc mentioned that for the last few years changes to marketing has been happening and every year it continues to change which makes it hard to create uniformity.

iv. Communications between the Grad house and senate is a big key

v. Phasing of this change – plans to wait until next semester to use all the marketing material already purchased.

vi. Representative Le Noc suggesting combining a visual that will work with multiple platforms and shirts to avoid having to change the avatar from platform to platform.

(c) Senator Cody DeSalvo

i. Discussed the preliminary changes on the constitution and talked about the procedure for the joint session.

ii. Representative Le Noc asked about the agenda for that night. Are we hoping to get everything done by Monday? If that does not occur , what will happen next? What is the difference in process if there are disagreements?

1 The process is Robert's Rule – motion and motion have to be passed and this is done with every piece.

2 If its only formatting and grammar, then it can be done at once. If it's a clause or disagreement than it should be done prior and email the changes following Robert's Rule.

3 Tucker said that any amendments should be sent to him or Ashley before the Monday joint session and he will send out an email to everyone to give a chance to review the changes.

VI. Public Forum

(a) No public

VII. Reports

(a) Student Government Vice President's Report: Tucker Thompson

i. The last meeting voted on two pieces and both passed.

ii. Currently working on the premenstrual hygiene program to continuity

iii. Working with Bobcat Bounty and spoke with Dr. Smith VPSA and will reach out to BobCat Bounty director about concerns in regard to sustainability.

1 If tuition continues to increase, food and security will continue to be an issue.

iv. Representative Dyer huge number of students are participating in the Bobcat Bounty that are going to get food because the food had finished very earlier.

v. Thinking about moving the pantry to the Bocus area. Getting about 175 – 200 students during the 2 /3 hour period for this current year.

(b) House Leader Report: Nishant Gurung

i. Met with Diversity and inclusion

(c) House Secretary's Report: Jessica Ramos-Karmaker

i. Discussed the secretary position if anyone is interested to discuss the duties

ii. Advised Representative Chung about website missing information

iii. Not able to edit on the GATO website.

1 Senator De Salvo said that the changes going on the Website.

2 House Leader Nishant mentioned he has submitted a ticket for this issue.

(d) House Parliamentarian's Report: James Dyer

i. Nothing to report

(e) Committees Reports

i. Diversity and Inclusion: Thi Nguyen and Taylor Mireles

1 Representative Nguyen held meeting on Monday she will email Representative Austin to get together with Mass Communication

about the podcast ideas that students are interested in. In spring 2020 the Library will have recording equipment for the committee to use.

2. First podcast will be held at the end of this semester and will find a high-quality voice recorder to edit.

ii. Social Media and Technology: Jorlanditha Austin and Taylor Mireles

1. Director Gonzales talked about everything and asked for all members to email her any suggestions or concerns.

iii. Campus Life: Leah Frye

1. Representative Dyer discussed the meeting held. House Leader Nishant received the meeting notes

a. Event is Dec. 5 – 9th @ Grad Commons will have Krispy Kreme and Mocha and Jovas. Will hand out flyers and advertise at shop talks. Also, post on Grad Bulletin – contact Paloma Grey. Contact Joesph Fuller for advertising on TC screens.

b. Representative Idema mentioned it will be best to use vendors that are already set up with the University

c. Representative Ramos-Karmaker is volunteering to create an Event to mirror this at Round Rock same day and time (possibly)

iv. Budget and Finance: Nishant Gurung and Jorlanditha Austin

1. Nothing to report

(f) University Committee Reports

i. Nothing to report

(g) Advisor's Report: Dr. Paulson

i. Nothing to Report

VIII. Old Business

(a) H.S.R 2019-2020 07 Confirmation Co-Chair Campus Life Committee

i. Motion by Representative Le Noc and second by Representative Austin

ii. Motion to adopt piece by Representative Le Noc and second by Representative Austin

iii. No debate or discussion

iv. Motion to suspend the rules and vote by voice second by Representative Austin

v. The "eyes" have and piece passes

IX. New Business

(a) Constitution New Piece Proposal – Executive Order, Nov 11 Joint Session

i. Motion by Representative Le Noc to temporarily suspend rules to give everyone a change read the piece to read on their own. Second Representative Idema

ii. Motion to move to community as a whole to discuss the piece by Representative Le Noc and seconded by Representative Idema.

iii. Motion by Representative Austin to suspend the rules to allow Cody to speak about the ARTICLE II – Section 1.b

iv. Second by Representative Idema

v. Motion to Rise and report by Representative Le Noc

vi. Second by Representative Ramos-Karmaker

(b) House Resolution H.R. 2019-2020.01

i. First reading done by Representative Le Noc

(c) Lunch with the Deans Planning: Meal Options, Quotes, Budget

i. Motion to table this item by Representative Austin and second by Representative Idema

(d) Sensitivity Training Completion Proof Reminder

i. House Leader Nishant brought the certificate after the Ally Training completion and reminds Representative to email to him.

X. Questions

(a) No questions

XI. Announcement

(a) No announcements

XII. Adjournment

(a) Representative Dyer to adjourn and Second by Le Noc

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