Student Government Graduate House of Representatives

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2018

I. Call to order
House Leader Le Noc called the meeting to order at 1:02pm

II. Roll Call
Representatives absent: Lobo, Gallardo, Didion, and Bonnette.

III. Approval of Minutes
Representative Douthitt motioned to approve the minutes; Representative Castillo second the motion. Minutes from September 28, 2018 meeting approved.

IV. Orders of the Day

V. Guests Speakers
There were no guest speakers

VI. Public Forum
There was no public forum

VII. Reports
a. Student Government Vice President’s Report: Alison Castillo
   i. President Becerra and Vice President Castillo created a video addressed to the study body about the white supremacist flyers found on campus.
   ii. The Senate will hold an open forum before the Senate meeting on Monday, October 15th for students who want to discuss the flyers found.
   iii. The investigations subcommittee is officially established and open to all members of student government.

b. House Leader’s Report: Mael Le Noc
   i. Friendly reminder that virtual attendance is for Round Rock representatives and extenuating circumstance; Representatives are expected to attend in person.
      -If you need virtual attendance information, email House Leader Le Noc and House Secretary Davis
   ii. The House received a letter from the University Star about not publishing the piece about the positive things student government is doing.

c. House Secretary’s Report: Brittany Davis
   Reminder that the International Research conference for Graduate Students is still seeking volunteers.

d. House Parliamentarian’s Report: Jennifer Idema
   Nothing to report

e. Committees Reports
   i. Diversity and Inclusion: Thi Nguyen and Lorraine Lobo
      1. Meeting today was not well attended, but they did discuss the outcomes from the workshop at the previous meeting.
2. Liz Castaneda from the office of Diversity and Inclusion attended and is willing to help with future endeavors.
3. The committee is interested in putting a survey in the GradBulletin to better identify issues on campus and interest in a podcast.
4. The committee is considering hosting a conference on diversity.
5. There is interest in the history of the diversity committee; House Leader Le Noc will research this and bring information to the next meeting.
6. The committee is interested in what issues the Grad House is currently addressing.
   ii. Social Media and Technology: Anthony Gallardo
       Representative Gallardo is not present.
   iii. Campus Life: Jenn Idema and Amarilis Castillo
       Representative Gillman has volunteered to chair the Events Subcommittee.
   iv. Budget and Finance: Blair Didion and Dylan Douthitt
       Nothing to report.

f. University Committee Reports
   i. QEP Task Force: Jenn Idema
       Focusing on undergraduate research
   ii. Student Government Task Force
       1. Looking to change how senators are elected.
       2. Representatives are invited to the next meeting, October 19th, to provide updates on current projects.

g. Advisor’s Report: Dr. Paulson
   -Nothing to report

VIII. Old Business

a. Graduate House Mission and Vision
   i. Representative Idema provided a draft of the mission and vision, which was discussed.
   ii. Representative Larson will work on the draft and bring an updated version to the next meeting.

b. Volleyball Night
   i. Representative Idema provided flyers to all other representatives to hand out to fellow graduate students advertising the event.
   ii. The website is up and registration is open.
   iii. Representative Davis motioned for Representative Idema to have $200 to put toward this event; Representative Douthitt second the motion.

IX. New Business

a. H.S.R. 2018-2019.08 Outstanding Mentor Award Committee Member Confirmation
   i. Representative Davis read the simple resolution
   ii. Representative Douthitt motioned to make an emergency piece; Representative Ayala second that motion.
   iii. Debate and discussion
   iv. Representative Douthitt motioned to call to questions; Representative Larson second the motion
   v. All representatives voted; the piece passed.

b. Networking Night
   i. Representative Gillman proposed some dates on Mondays
ii. House Secretary Davis will check availability on the suggested dates and work with Representative Gillman to solidify date.

X. Questions
No questions.

XI. Announcements
a. Representative Didion is still looking for volunteers for the VATS picnic on October 20th in Sewell Park.
   b. Representative Ngyuen shared that Design for America is coming to Texas State.
      Students can attend an info session – more information here: txstatedfa.org

XII. Adjournment
a. Representative Douthitt motioned to adjourn the meeting; Representative Larson second the motion. House Leader Le Noc adjourned the meeting at 1:47pm.