Student Government Graduate House of Representatives

Meeting Agenda

September 13, 2019

I. Call to Order
House Leader Gurung called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call
Representatives Absent: Brown, Nguyen, and Ramos-Karmaker

III. Approval of Minutes
Representative Le Noc motioned to approve the minutes from 08/30/19; Representative Mireles second the motion. Vote was unanimous. Minutes from August 30, 2019 meeting approved.

Representative Le Noc motioned to amend house leader at the end of Spring semester to Representative Gurung and approve April 29, 2019 emergency meeting minutes. The motion was second by Representative Austin.

IV. Orders of the Day
Representative Fry was sworn in.

V. Guest Speakers
(a) Paloma Grey, Grad College Publications Writer and Brittany Davis Grad College
   i. Research Conference volunteering Nov 5-7th
      1. Check-in or moderating panels
      2. Share and encourage the research conference
         a. Abstracts due Sept 27th
   ii. Orientation Volunteering
   iii. Graduate Student Appreciation Week Volunteers
   iv. Grad Bulletin
      1. Creating new t-shirts for graduate students
         a. Mock-up input

VI. Public Forum
There was no public forum

VII. Reports
(a) Student Government Vice President’s Report: Tucker Thompson
   i. Piece tabled on Monday meeting on Free Speech until Sept 23
   ii. Passed SP Textbook Affordability Act
   iii. Lending Library
iv. Meeting stopped due to Senators leaving and quorum was not met
v. President Trauth spoke and addressed campus life concerns (i.e. climate)
vi. Vendor established for Free Menstrual Hygiene initiative
vii. Piloting two buildings but goal is eight by end of the month
viii. Bobcat Bounty: ways to improve and move initiatives forward
ix. Senators meeting to improve procedure on 9/13
x. Texas State SAFE initiatives to expand on Bobcat Bobbies, ridesharing with UPD, improving the Guardian and Rave apps and callboxes, safety lighted walk

(b) House Leader Report: Nishant Gurung
   i. Constitution workshop and draft with feedback
   ii. Attended shop talks “What I Wish I Had Been Told”
   iii. Constitution Day Sept 17 10a-2p
   iv. Handing out fliers, talking about grad house
   v. Student Gov Retreat Oct 5

(c) House Secretary’s Report: Jessica Ramos-Karmaker
   i. Nothing to report

(d) House Parliamentarian’s Report: James Dyer
   i. Nothing to report

(e) Committees Reports
   i. Diversity and Inclusion: Thi Nguyen and Taylor Mireles
   ii. Nothing to report

(f) Social Media and Technology: Jorlanditha Austin and Taylor Mireles
   i. Setting time to meet and working on marketing for Constitution Day and for the textbook lending program

(g) Budget and Finance: Nishant Gurung and Jorlanditha Austin
   i. Meeting this week to discuss budget

(h) University Committee Reports
   i. Motion to table for guest speakers
   ii. Representative Le Noc
      1. Student Regalia Task Force
         a. Passed resolution advocated for custom regalia for graduate students
         i. Under 2018-2019 legislation on TRACS
         b. Try to implement by Dec 2020
         c. Mock-ups will be orders and presented to students
   iii. Representative Jen
      1. Task force for undergraduate research opportunities

(i) Advisor’s Report: Dr. Paulson
   i. First meeting in graduate commons
   ii. Distance and Extending Learning student advisory committee
      1. Student input into distance learning
      a. How it can be improved and is currently working
   iii. Textbook costs
      1. Open educational resources
      a. Non-copyrighted versions of content as option instead of textbook
      2. Managing Textbook Costs Committee
VIII. Old Business

(a) Nomination of Graduate House Committee Chairs
   i. Campus Life Committee
      1 Outreach events
      2 Graduate Student Appreciation Week
      3 Volunteering
   ii. House Leader Gurung nominate Representative Leah Fry
       1 Unanimous vote

IX. New Business

(a) H.S.R 2019-2020.02 - Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chairs Confirmation
   i. First reading done by the sponsor Representative Hawley
   ii. Motion to adopt by Representative Austin and second by Representative Le Noc
   iii. Motion to make an emergency piece to vote on H.S.R 2019-2020.02, .03, .04 and J.R. 2019-2020.01 today (9/23) by Representative Jen with second by Representative Austin
       1 Unanimous vote for emergency pieces
   iv. Motion to vote by House Leader Gurung
   v. Unanimous vote to pass legislation

(b) H.S.R 2019-2020.03 - Budget and Finance Committee Chair Confirmation
   i. Read by Sponsor Representative Renteria
   ii. Representative Le Noc motion to adopt and second by Representative Austin
   iii. Unanimous vote to pass legislation

(c) H.S.R 2019-2020.04 - Social Media and Technology Committee Chairs Confirmation
   i. Read by Representative Austin
   ii. Motion to amend by Representative Austin and second by Representative Mireles
   iii. Motion to adopt by Representative Le Noc and second by Representative Austin
       1 Unanimous vote to pass legislation
   iv. Motion to adopt the piece with the amendment of Co-Chairs by Representative Austin and second by Representative Mireles
       1 Unanimous vote to pass

   i. Motion to adopt by Representative Le Noc and second by Representative Mireles
      1 Unanimous vote to pass

(e) Nomination for University Committees
   i. Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching
      1 Committee has one meeting to review applications and make decision
      2 Need one graduate student and one alternate
   ii. The Graduate Colleges Outstanding Mentoring Award
1 Committee has one meeting to review applications, evaluation, and make decision
2 Need two graduate students

(f) The Student Government Constitution Changes
i. Section 1: addition of “Review and approve legislation to the Judiciary” and “Review and approve amendments to this constitution”
ii. Section 3: omit other from “The House will be composed of the Vice President, Representatives and other House officers”
iii. House Leader Gurung suggesting reading on own and email questions/comments/concerns

(g) Graduate Commons Rooms + Website Update
i. Meetings will be in this location and website is updated

X. Questions
(a) Student Body President Benbow asked about the graduate house logo (i.e. how it was created and for what purpose)
   i. Marketing determined that the logo can be used for promotional purposes
(b) Representative Austin asked about the progress of the Ally Training sign-up
   i. Still to be determined

XI. Announcement
(a) Student Body President Benbow reminded about Diversity week and volunteer opportunities throughout the event

XII. Adjournment
(a) Motion to adjourn by Representative Mireles and second by Representative Le Noc
(b) Meeting adjourned at 3:43p