

GSS Executive Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2019

- I. Updates from the Graduate College
 - A. Dean Keller
 - 1. Jakobsen has see decreasing participation in recent years
 - 2. Other colleges and departments have their own research days and conferences
 - 3. Is it worth continuing to have the Jakobsen conference?
 - 4. How can GSS highlight graduate research?
 - 5. The deans will meet with Evan by Thanksgiving to discuss the future of Jakobsen
- II. Meeting with the Strategic Plan Steering Committee for the Graduate College
 - A. David Cwiertny, Professor College of Engineering and Ann Ricketts, Senior Assistant Vice President for Research came to the meeting to talk to us about the strategic plan
 - B. Collecting input to develop a strategic plan for the Graduate College
 - C. The four priority areas are
 - 1. Student Success
 - 2. Research and Discovery
 - 3. Engagement
 - 4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - D. First draft due by February 3, 2020
 - E. Will come back for feedback even after the draft is due
 - F. Facilitate a broad discussion with GSS at a general assembly meeting
 - 1. SWOT analysis
 - 2. Idea, have a break out session at a general assembly meeting to develop a SWOT matrix
 - 3. Split up into four groups and have an executive member describe what to do to each group
 - 4. Have everyone brainstorm ideas for the SWOT matrix, Christian and Caroline will collect all of the information and bring it back to the committee
 - G. The committee really values the student perspective
 - H. David said that he can come to the general assembly meeting when we discuss the SWOT matrix, this activity will probably occur during the meeting on December 3
 - I. Mention this activity at the November general assembly meeting
- III. Updates on Constitution and By-laws
 - A. Peter, still in process
- IV. Committees
 - A. Not a lot of progress on getting chairs and committees to start meeting and working
 - B. Make time at the next meeting for committees to meet
 - C. Christian has transition documents for some of the committees
 - D. Adam will add Christian to the committee groups on Outlook
- V. Tippie College of Business
 - A. If the College of Business is interested in participating in GSS, we should let them
 - B. Christian will continue thinking about this idea, and see how to include the College of Business
- VI. College of Nursing
 - A. College of Nursing is interested in representation in GPSG

- B. Similar to the College of Public Health situation, except that the College of Nursing has been well represented in GSS
 - C. There is a possible issue of being doubly represented in shared governance
- VII. Website Updates
- A. Christian will give the Executive Committee a list of things to update on the website
 - B. Please click around on the website and see what needs to be fixed
- VIII. Rebranding
- A. Christian met with Joe Cannella and Katie Mckibben
 - B. Updated coffee hour promotional materials
 - C. We are on the list, but they are busy
 - D. E newsletter maybe?
- IX. Coffee Hour
- A. Has been good
 - B. Partnering with Association of Multicultural Scientists to host their coffee hour
 - C. Maybe we can alternate west side/east side every other week
 - D. A lot of the same people every week, alternating every other week might be a good idea
 - E. Jennie said that we still need to figure out how to deal with the finances
 - F. There will be a biweekly coffee hour for GSS, Christian will update the Facebook page
 - G. There will also be a coffee hour with the Association of Multicultural Scientists
- X. Social Media
- A. Maybe there could be a new social media manager position for GSS?
 - B. Probably self appointed position through the social and service committee
 - C. Christian will take to Ellen about drafting a piece of legislation dealing with this new position
 - D. It might be better to make this position like the webmaster position, have this position by appointment and then provide a committee service release if you are the social media manager
 - E. Might be addressed at the next meeting depending on time
- XI. New Legislation
- A. Ellen drafted a piece of legislation dealing with providing food at meetings and exams
 - B. If there is time, discuss this legislation at the next meeting
- XII. Office of Outreach and Engagement
- A. GSS should make a statement in support of the Office of Outreach and Engagement
 - B. Caroline will lead the charge in this effort
- XIII. Agenda for Next Meeting
- A. UI College Recovery Program will speak at the upcoming meeting, probably 10 minutes