

## GSS Executive Meeting Minutes 1.29.2019

### Graduate College Update

#### Dean Keller

- Professor Steve Barga, Professor of Microbiology & Immunology – New Associate Dean
- Applause to Jakobsen Committee
  - For new revisions to the conference
  - Working hard with Jen Teitle to make the conference great
- Shout-out to Travel Funds as well as they are transitioning into providing research awards as well as travel grants
  - Bit of a snag with “human subject research”
  - Graduate college cannot provide compensation to human subjects of a study
  - Must have written agreement from each human subject for funds to be awarded
  - Applications for research awards will be submitted to the department!!!
- Real or perceived diminished interest in GSS participation?
  - Might be a logistical issue where people were dropped from ListServe
  - Planned discussion at next general assembly meeting to form a vision for GSS and try to figure out what people are thinking
  - General Assembly attendance is consistently reaching quorum (20-25 people) but there are approximately ~130 Senate Seats to fill (counting those already filled)
  - Question to Provost candidate from student alarmed Dean Keller that they weren't aware of a lot of the programs, opportunities, etc. that are available to all grad students
    - What can we do to make people more aware of the programs available?
      - Gurjap: We need to recruit more Senators to properly distribute the amount of work for each person. This is a self-perpetuating cycle because the amount of work currently levied upon senators is a deterrent to new ones.
      - Need to make people aware that they can serve as an alternate Senator – not just a full Senator

#### Associate Dean Campo

- Grad college put out a call in the Fall to figure out ways to better prepare Grad students to enter the workforce of an evolving economy
  - Received 20 short conceptual proposals
  - Full proposals due in March, decisions made in April
  - Trying to innovate and promote cultural thinking
- Resuming tomorrow with Zoom interviews for new Diversity Director
  - Dianna Sprolls retiring in June
  - Going to work more closely with faculty, staff, etc to promote institutional change
- Fellowships are in full swing
  - Digital Studio Fellowship applications due in February
- KaLeigh:
  - Possibility to send out a GSS communication?
    - Dean Keller: Yes

- Elliot:
  - Department holds a group meeting where the senator plays a crucial role in filling-in the rest of the students about what's going in the graduate college.
  - Every department should try to find a role for their senator to play

**Discussion with Committee Chairs (all committee chairs or another committee representatives have been invited to attend this meeting)**

- Committees should draft a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to pass down during transition to ensure continuity
- Need to spend some money!
- Question about Jakobsen:
  - Is it possible to incentivize International Student participation in Jakobsen by awarding cash prizes using International Student Committee fund?
    - Too far along in the submission process
    - It's also tricky to allocate funds for individual students because they are student fee funds that should be accessible to all students

**Confirmation of chairs' names**

- Gurjap
  - Social & Service Committee
- Amanda Adams & Jenny Liu
  - Travel Funds Committee
- Elliot Burghardt
  - Interim Graduate Student Success Committee
- Anup Poudel
  - International Student Committee

**Updates on current committee work (as relevant)**

- Grad student weekly "coffee break"
  - Cortado?
  - Looking to spend ~\$1,400 in total
    - Perhaps \$100-\$200 to spend each week
  - Can we split it up every other week, east and west side?
  - Associate Dean Barga:
    - Reach out to Dan Trinnell to send out email to reach all biomedical science grad students

**Discussion of funding joint interprofessional event with GPSG (tentatively at Big Grove) (5 mins)**

- GPSG is requesting ~\$1,250 – they will match
- Turnout is looking good

**Overall GSS budget and legislative process for approving spending  
Peter, Lyndsey, and KaLeigh**

- Money to spend!
- Since no committees submitted budgets to be approved by the General Assembly, we have been going off an expense-by-expense basis

- Not good – Lindsey drafting bill to approve budget at next meeting
- How does this work with Big Grove event?
  - If put through social committee budget, it's no big deal. We can always allocate more funds to that committee if need be.

### Executive team goals for the year

- Hancher Finkbine award nominations are being called for
- Formalizing committee documents "SOPs"
- Ryan:
  - Big problem with how GSS distributes to ALL graduate students
  - Must investigate alternative ways to distribute information
    - Create a ListServ for Graduate Students?
      - Formal process to send out emails (2 or 3 steps for approval)
      - See if we can get 3-4 emails per year
    - KaLeigh will talk with Dean Keller about this
      - What are we going to send out in these 3-4 emails? Think about it.
- KaLeigh's *PLAN* for next meeting:
  - Giant flip charts
  - Sticky notes
  - Markers
  - Quick series of short (3 min) brainstorm rounds:
    - "Why did you join GSS?"
    - "What do you think GSS does well?"
    - "What could GSS improve upon?"
    - "What is the ultimate goal of GSS?"
    - Etc.

### Set February 5th meeting agenda

- Tentative Items
- Graduate College Update (10 mins)
- Any Additional TBD Business (10 mins)
- Ryan on Jakobsen (2 mins)
- Committee Reports (5 mins)
  - Briefly – where ya at?
- Breakout Groups Activity (30 mins)
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