

GSS Executive Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2020

- I. Updates from the Graduate College
 - A. Moving
 - 1. Graduate College moved to Calvin Hall temporarily
 - 2. Grad Success is still on the fourth floor of Gilmore Hall
 - B. Commencement
 - 1. Successful commencement in Winter, very well attended, seating was an issue
 - 2. Will change the format to be more like the Spring commencement next year
 - 3. Want to avoid ticketing for audience members
 - C. Graduate College Strategic Plan
 - 1. Thank you to GSS for the contributions to the Graduate College Strategic Plan
 - 2. Solid draft submitted, pretty much ready to submit it the University on February 3
 - D. Getting ready for Grad SERU, coordinated survey for graduate students at multiple institutions, be alert to this survey later in the semester
 - E. Thursday, April 16, Art Building West, state of the college address
 - F. Graduate College fellowship deadlines are coming soon
 - G. AAU Ph.D. project, might have listening posts for the departments that are participating
 - H. Possibly have informal events with the Deans to talk issues in graduate education?
- II. Jakobsen
 - A. Behind schedule on planning, lack of attendance in recent years, and new chair of the committee all lead to a consensus of suspending the conference for the spring, possibly bring back in the fall or spring next year
 - B. Dean's office is supportive of this decision
 - C. Tom Jakobsen will be here in April, good opportunity to talk
 - D. How to take advantage of graduate student appreciation week?
- III. Handbook / Constitution
 - A. Discussion of proposed changes / updates
 - 1. Peter has been working on these updates, will discuss more in the future
 - B. Fall Ball / Spring Bash?
 - 1. Currently in the handbook, is this a possible event to have in the future?
- IV. Nominations / Elections
 - A. Social Media Manager, create and nominate this position
 - B. VP, currently vacant
 - C. Put out a spreadsheet nomination form for both of these positions this week
 - D. Can't have elections in February, have elections in March
- V. Legislation
 - A. Food @ Exams / Committee Meetings
 - 1. Changes to legislation required
- VI. Update on budget / finances
 - A. 2019-2020 academic year, given \$18,600, also carried over \$26,000 from previous years
 - B. We have spent \$1600 this academic year
 - C. Still have \$17,000, want to spend this money
 - D. Maybe bring a speaker to campus?
- VII. TCOB Representation in GSS

- A. Ongoing issue that Christian has been working on
- VIII. Coffee Hour
 - A. Christian is trying to give this responsibility to the Service and Social Committee
 - B. They are meeting this week to discuss the schedule
 - C. Could do a tab at Cortado instead of paying every time?
 - D. Christian will submit the forms to have the event
- IX. BUILD Workshop to replace a general assembly meeting this semester?
 - A. Some sort of diversity workshop
 - B. Christian and Caroline has this idea
- X. Other
 - A. Make time for committees to meet at the meeting
 - B. Update the website concerning the Jakobsen Conference
 - C. Christian will work with Shelly Campo to create a statement about canceling the conference
 - D. Maybe some new senators?
- XI. Possible agenda for General Assembly Meeting next week
 - A. Jakobsen announcement
 - B. Legislation
 - C. Nominations
 - D. Time for committees to meet