

GSS Executive Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2020

Meeting on Zoom

- I. Updates from the Graduate College
  - A. COGS Letter
    1. Dean Keller sent a letter with a response to COGS
    2. COGS responded today
    3. Dean Keller will keep us updated on what follows
  - B. Dealing with the Coronavirus
    1. Working on funding situations
    2. Every doctoral student will be impacted, how to help doctoral students?
  - C. Enrollments
    1. Hope enrollments will be back in the Fall
    2. First year undergraduate enrollment is down 10% from what it was at this time last year
    3. Graduate enrollment is about the same or slightly up
    4. Starting to get a little concerned with newly admitted students possibly deferring admission
  - D. Finances
    1. Regents stated that there will be no tuition and fee increases
    2. Anticipating reduction in state appropriations
    3. The budget picture next year does not look good
    4. Will move ahead with a financial proposal for how to assist graduate students, work in progress
    5. Federal stimulus for academic institutions, the University received 16 million dollars, half goes to academic issues, half goes to supporting students
    6. Emergency microgrant opportunities are still available
    7. The Graduate College awarded a record number of Summer Fellowships
  - E. Aware of your concerns and trying to address them
  - F. Stay safe and stay healthy
  - G. S/U grading option is live in MyUI, can make changes until May 8
  - H. Travel Funding, can only fund travel before the lockdown
- II. Results from Engage Voting
  - A. The voting went well
  - B. 25 respondents
  - C. Working on the details for the Engage voting
- III. Nominations
  - A. Nominations are occurring on the spreadsheet linked [here](#)
  - B. The nominations spreadsheet is very sparse
  - C. What do you think about having a Zoom meeting for voting for candidates?
    1. Good, but do we have enough nominees?
    2. Will be more official
    3. Will have a Zoom meeting next week for voting
    4. Good idea to make it “mandatory” to encourage participation
  - D. It is important to have as many positions filled as possible
  - E. Will fill empty positions in the Fall
  - F. Will have a meeting next week, Christian will send out an email with details
- IV. Ideas for Nominations (we talked about possible people to fill the roles)
  - A. President
    1. Ellen Kiser, Christian will talk to her
  - B. Vice President

1. Kody Waldstein, on board
  - C. Treasurer
    1. Jennie will be here in the Fall for a possible transition
  - D. Membership
    1. Caroline Cheung, Christian will talk to her
    2. Emma Gabriele
  - E. Executive Associate
    1. Maybe someone with not as much experience
  - F. Parliamentarian
    1. Ryan Tribble
  - G. Social Media Manager
    1. Laura Stephens
  - H. GPSG Delegates and Graduate Council
  - I. GSEC
- V. Appointments
- A. Webmaster