Executive Council Meeting

August 28, 2023

Attendance:

1. Call to Order
   a. 17:02
2. Introduction
   a. Introduced everyone and named our positions
3. Graduate College Welcome/Updates
   a. Dean Thein – Welcomed us and thanked us for being part of GSS and for success of orientation week
   b. Dean Campo – First deadline for fellowship approaching fast!
      i. Post-comps and Ballard & Seashore: Sept 20th
      ii. No. of nominations increased as more funds have become available
      iii. Tried a summer tuition only scholarship; hoping they can release this for the Spring as well (updates to come)
   c. Will soon hold GSEC once GPSG ratifies
4. Planning for the Year/First Meeting
   a. Positions that need to be filled
      i. COGS rep
         1. Will find out who it is soon once we get an email back from COGS
      ii. UCS Student Advisory Board rep
         1. UCS invited us to apply for this; GPSG already has a rep
         2. Karley going to bring this up in GA meeting on Sept 12th
   b. Set up survey for Committees
      i. Will send out surveys soon after GA meeting on Sept 12th
      ii. Emese would like at least 8 people on Travel funds' committee
      iii. Send out survey to everyone
      iv. Survey lists out all committees and asks to rearrange in order of preference
   c. GSS Instagram account – YES!
      i. What to do about this? How to get this? (See below)
      ii. Hannah – Can make the account without permission based on research
      iii. Kyleakin – never gotten in trouble or needed permission to make an account
         1. University provides stipulation on logos
         2. Be mindful of how to represent the University
         3. Make sure you ask permission from people to post their photos of events on social media.
         4. Make a student org account from GSS email; DO NOT use personal email (Instagram locks the account to the email and can't be substituted)
   d. Type out email for reps to send out to their department
      i. Template introducing themselves to the department.

     e. Speakers
         i. UCS (October)
            1. 50 Minute Presentation, pick topics (burnout, imposter syndrome)
                a. Need to clarify that we require general resources in the GA meeting
                b. Could do a webinar instead for above topics and promote it as a GSS event
                c. Mekhla – Could do it in-person with food
            2. Will get back to them after this meeting about confirmation for October slot
         ii. Student Legal Services
        iii. Ombudsperson's (February)
            1. Need to be in person, so in February
            2. Last year's report and services they offer
        iv. VITA!
            1. Could help us with taxes
        v. Grad Success Center
        vi. Dean of Students Graduation support program
            1. Help students get things needed for graduation like caps and gowns
        vii. Student Disability Services/Employee and Staff Disability Services
        viii. Women's Resource and Action Center (WRAC)
        ix. UI Threat Assessment Team
        x. Seminar series?
            1. Dean Campo - Grad college doesn't do this already
            2. Emese – many people don't read emails so this may be more beneficial

5. Overall Goals
     a. Increase visibility
         i. Make a QR code for GSS website and send to departments to display on TVs or printable version for bulletin boards
         ii. Email DGS to increase reach and specifically target first years
            1. List on grad college website
            2. https://grad.uiowa.edu/faculty-staff/dgs-graduate-faculty/current-directors

6. Open Discussion
     a. Every program has their own senators
     b. Make page with list of resources on the GSS website
     c. Can request Zoom link for GA meeting if absolutely needed for someone
     d. Need to change logo to include words, not just acronym
     e. Hannah – Sustainability office: exploring accessible e-waste disposal sites on campus; want student government backing
         i. Hannah has proposal to be presented at the GA meeting to be vote on

7. Adjournment

a. 18:03