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
  o For new revisions to the conference
  o 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
  o Bit of a snag with “human subject research”
  o Graduate college cannot provide compensation to human subjects of a study
  o Must have written agreement from each human subject for funds to be awarded
  o Applications for research awards will be submitted to the department!!!
• Real or perceived diminished interest in GSS participation?
  o Might be a logistical issue where people were dropped from ListServe
  o Planned discussion at next general assembly meeting to form a vision for GSS and try to figure out what people are thinking
  o General Assembly attendance is consistently reaching quorum (20-25 people) but there are approximately ~130 Senate Seats to fill (counting those already filled)
  o 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
  o Received 20 short conceptual proposals
  o Full proposals due in March, decisions made in April
  o Trying to innovate and promote cultural thinking
• Resuming tomorrow with Zoom interviews for new Diversity Director
  o Dianna Sprolls retiring in June
  o Going to work more closely with faculty, staff, etc to promote institutional change
• Fellowships are in full swing
  o Digital Studio Fellowship applications due in February
• KaLeigh:
  o Possibility to send out a GSS communication?
    ▪ Dean Keller: Yes
• Elliot:
  o 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.
  o 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:
  o 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
  o Social & Service Committee
• Amanda Adams & Jenny Liu
  o Travel Funds Committee
• Elliot Burghardt
  o Interim Graduate Student Success Committee
• Anup Poudel
  o International Student Committee

Updates on current committee work (as relevant)
• Grad student weekly “coffee break”
  o Cortado?
  o Looking to spend ~$1,400 in total
    ▪ Perhaps $100-$200 to spend each week
  o Can we split it up every other week, east and west side?
  o 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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