Graduate Student Council Regular Meeting
February 1st, 2018
7:30 pm
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Call Meeting to Order

Officer Reports:
- President- Lily Assgari
  - No Report
- Internal Vice President- Luis Cardona
  - No Report
- External Vice President- Kelsey Kaht
  - Bowling Event
    - Jan 19, spent $255.98 on snacks
    - Had 162 people sign-in (2 hours) compared to 315 last year (4 hours)
  - Mini-Dissertation Writing Retreat
    - Jan 20 and Jan 27, spent $107.31 on breakfast items
    - There were 8 participants and 4 consultants
  - Guest: Ariel from SAB
    - SAB plans activities for all students and outreach plans events for graduate students and other non-freshmen-on-campus-students
    - Looking for space in the Yum Center overlooking the river with Ramsi’s cafe food and maybe drinks for a night of International dance lessons
      - Idea seems to be a hit :)
    - Will send out her email to everyone so you can give comments
- Director of Travel- Manooch Saeedi
  - Absent
- Director of Finance- Pegah Sagheb
  - Absent, but remember that the Research Fund closes Feb 11
- Director of Communications- Jakia Marie
  - Will be getting sign language interpreter for Research Conference. Reach out if anyone knows people who need sign language hours.

Committee Reports
- Lily went to a Presidential listening tours and she advocated for graduate students and to promote research

Unfinished Business
New Business
- Approval of Minutes from Meeting on January 11th, 2018
  - Minutes passed unanimously
- Final (hopefully) discussion of election procedures
  - Feb 12 opens applications to run for office
  - Any graduate student can run for office, even if they have never been in GSC, but the timeline is tricky so we will have to get out candidate information between now and the March GSC meeting
  - We want to avoid uninformed voters, so we hope to educate everyone
- Research Conference
  - Abstract deadline closed Jan 26 and we received 164 applications
    - After some rejections, 158 will likely be accepted
    - 3 from Bellarmine, 4 from IUPUI, 1 from Sullivan, 1 from UC, 18 from UK, 1 from WKU
  - Need larger budget
    - Spent $2485 last year
      - $618.06 posters/flyers/yard signs, $831.25 food, $536.19 prizes, $300 speaker, $200 Bigelow hall rental
    - Estimate $5590 this year
      - Considering sponsors
  - Working on location
    - Saturday CTRB is booked, Friday trying for Business School
  - Need volunteers to manage oral talks
    - Will send out volunteer sign-up after the meeting
  - Will be having a meeting ~2 weeks before the conference
- Approval of Today’s Attendance
  - Departments with no representative at the meeting: Criminal Justice (CJ), Physics and Astronomy (PHYS), Political Science (POLS), Psychological and Brain Sciences (PSYC), Theater Arts (TA), Urban and Public Affairs (Public Admin) (UPA), Women’s and Gender Studies (WGST), Entrepreneurship (Business) (ENTR), Middle and Secondary Education, Special Education, Oral Biology (OBIO), Kent School (KENT), Audiology (AUDI), Physiology and Biophysics (PHY), School of Nursing, Public Health (PHCI), Chemical Engineering (CHE), Computer Engineering and Computer Science (CECS), Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE), Mechanical Engineering (ME).
  - Attendance approved unanimously

Announcements
- Cardinal Family Fun Day, a free event for students with children. Saturday, Feb 10 from 2-4 pm, there will be crafts, inflatables, snacks, and the Balloon Man of KY in the SAC East Gym. Then, watch The Incredibles in the Floyd Theater at 4 pm.
• The Writing Center is hosting a grant/manuscript drop-in event on Monday, Feb 19 10am-1pm in CTRB 123. There will be four consultants available, no appt needed.

• Register to attend the Graduate Student Regional Research Conference (GSRRC) happening March 2-3, 2018. Over 150 graduate student presenters, keynote by Rebecca Heiss, career session and more! Registration is free and required to attend breakfast/lunch. [http://louisville.edu/graduate/gsc/research-conference](http://louisville.edu/graduate/gsc/research-conference).

• Apply for student of the month! If selected, you receive a red parking pass behind the Red Barn for a month, a certificate, and an article about you on the SGA website. Apply at [http://www.uoflsga.org/yoursga/som/](http://www.uoflsga.org/yoursga/som/).

• The 2018 Student Awards and Recognitions applications are open. More information and apply via OrgSync “UofL Involvement”. Nominations due March 1.

• CML French Film Festival this month, mostly in the Floyd Theater and some in Speed Art Museum

Adjourn
• Adjourned at 8:16 pm

Lily Assgari, President
Kelsey Kaht, External Vice President Luis Cardona, Internal Vice President,
Jakia Marie, Director of Communication Pegah Sagheb, Director of Finance Manooch Saeedi, Director of Travel
Andrew Skidmore, Senator-at-Large Gabrielle Read-Jasnoff, Senator-at-Large