



Graduate Student Council Regular Meeting

October, 5th 2017

7:30 pm

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Call Meeting to Order

Officer Reports:

- President- Lily Assgari
 - Tuition and fees committee working for University-paid employees (i.e. grad students) to get in-state tuition
 - Met with DGSs and advocating for us to have access to listservs to reach the students in our departments
- Internal Vice President- Luis Cardona
 - No report
- External Vice President- Kelsey Kaht
 - Apply for Student of the Month by Oct 15
 - Let me know if you have an idea for pizza toppings or food for next meeting
 - I am going to Washington DC as part of the ACC conference and will be advocating for graduate students so let me know if you want me to share
 - Adam Ruben came and we had a great turn-out of 75-80 people
 - Halloween Party: coming up on Oct 27 and I need help with finding a Halloween music playlist and my committee will meet after to choose food... remember to bring student ID to attend and RSVP to help us order the right amount of food
 - Research Conference: looking for a location, let me know if you have an idea
- Director of Travel- Manooch Saeedi
 - Applications for travel are closed now but we will vote later on when to reopen (tentatively Nov 15)
- Director of Finance- Pegah Sagheb
 - Research grant applications open now and close Oct 13
- Director of Communications- Jakia Marie
 - Do not post personal things on the GSC Facebook... please :)
- Committee Reports
 - None

Unfinished Business

- Assignment of absent representatives on Sept 8, 2017 to committees
 - Will address at the end of the meeting
- Student issues: GRA/GTA sick days and vacation days
 - Drew: want to address the idea that graduate students may have to use sick days for vacation days

Lily Assgari, President

Kelsey Kaht, External Vice President

Luis Cardona, Internal Vice President,

Jakia Marie, Director of Communication

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- Please look up your department leave policies and send to Drew

New Business

- Approval of minutes from meeting on Sept 8, 2017
 - Absent: Classical and Modern Languages (CML), Communication (COM), English (ENGL), Geography and, Geosciences(GA), History (HIST), Criminal Justice (CJ), Political Science (POLS), Urban and Public Affairs (Public Admin) (UPA), Women's and Gender Studies (WGST), Entrepreneurship (Business) (ENTR), Health and Sport Sciences, Special Education, Elementary Education, Oral Biology (OBIO), Physiology and Biophysics (PHY), Speech Language Pathology (NSSLHA), Interdisciplinary Studies, Music (MUS), Public Health (PHCI), Mechanical Engineering (ME)
 - Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes
- Vote on GSC Research Conference keynote speaker
 - Options are Steve Boyd (\$500), David Brobeck (\$1,000), Rebecca Heiss (\$1,000), and Jorge Cham (\$1,000 if we get a nearby university to also book him)
 - Decision: Rebecca Heiss chosen as the keynote speaker
- Vote on times for Halloween Party
 - Options are 7p-11p or 8p-midnight
 - Decision: time of 8p-midnight chosen as the Halloween Party time
- Vote on November 15th to reopen Travel fund
 - Request to push the open date to Nov 27 so people have more time to prepare
 - Decision: travel fund reopen date set to Nov 27 at noon
- Student Issues: Tutoring for Graduate Students
 - Consider other advanced PhD students to tutor in one department or have GSC organize tutor sessions
- Concern with applying to graduate school programs
 - Outdated websites that need help in getting students to apply
 - A new course catalog may be coming that will change this

Announcements

- GSC Halloween Party on Friday, Oct 27 8p-midnight at Hopcat on Bardstown Rd. Free food, music, and costume contest featuring prizes for best individual, scariest individual, most original individual, funniest individual, best couple, and best group (3-6 people). Must have a valid UofL student ID to enter. RSVP at GSChalloween2017.eventbrite.com.
- The Speech Language Pathology Graduate Students at UofL are hosting a support group for school age children who stutter, and their parents.

Adjourn

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