



## Graduate Student Council Regular Meeting

November 2nd 2017

7:30 pm

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### Call Meeting to Order

#### Officer Reports:

- President- Lily Assgari
  - Ombuds speaker, Mindy Eaves
    - Able to talk about confidential matters (i.e. problem with faculty) with her and the conversations are off the record (unless lives are at danger)
    - Resources available at louisville.edu/ombuds
- Internal Vice President- Luis Cardona
  - No report
- External Vice President- Kelsey Kaht
  - Went to Washington DC and advocated for higher education - success!
  - Halloween Party was under budget and had 176 people attend
  - Will be sending a Research Conference save the date to regional universities
  - Grad student appreciation week is coming and GSC will be providing stress relief goody bags to be dispersed on Belknap and HSC campuses on a set day/time
- Director of Travel- Manooch Saeedi
  - Applications are still opening Nov 27 at noon
- Director of Finance- Pegah Sagheb
  - Had 18 people apply for research funding and 16 were awarded funding
- Director of Communications- Jakia Marie
  - Will send out a recap email and include each department's announcements too
  - Will send out survey about Halloween Party to get feedback
- Committee Reports

### Unfinished Business

#### New Business

- Approval of Minutes from Meeting on October 5th 2017
  - Absent Departments: Communication (COM), History (HIST), Mathematics (MATH), Political Science (POLS), Theater Arts (TA), Urban and Public Affairs (Public Admin) (UPA), Women's and Gender Studies (WGST), Special Education, Oral Biology (OBIO), Kent School (KENT), Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BIOC), Interdisciplinary Studies, Public Health (PHCI), Mechanical Engineering (ME)

**Entrepreneurship department came in late, adjust on attendance sheet**

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



- Student Issues: Stats Study Table
  - Do we want GSC to organize this?
    - 5 people say this is a good idea and the rest do not care either way
    - May look into starting this but would need help
- Student Issues: Websites
  - Websites are outdated but each department has its own website control so if there are issues, talk to your department
  - There is push to have one graduate catalog for standardization but it will not replace each department's website yet
- Vote on Writing Center Proposal
  - Proposal for GSC to sponsor a dissertation writing retreat in January because the May dissertation writing retreat was quite popular, asking for \$58 for breakfast
  - Motion passed for \$100-\$120 from GSC for this first retreat (Kelsey abstained)
- Budget Update
  - Under budget so far, looking good!
- Election Procedures/Interests
  - Consider being an officer next year, we'll be compiling information for next meeting to consider
  - Do we want to be involved in the general election even though they had many issues last year (wrong officers, did not email all grad students, etc.) or do it ourselves which may be more work
    - Majority favored our own elections not through SGA

### **Announcements**

- Fundraiser for Graduate Network in A&S at Mellow Mushroom on November 5th from 4pm to 9pm, if you mention GNAS we get 15% donated to us to use toward planning A&S grad student events, please commit to dining with us at <https://www.groupraise.com/events/42491> by November 2nd
- Inaugural Social Justice Symposium November 9th from 9am to 6pm in Ekstrom Library
- Look out for free events during Grad Student Appreciation Week November 13th-17th, calendar of events coming soon
- GSC Travel Fund will open for Spring awards on November 27th at noon
- Save the date for the GSC Research Conference, March 2nd-3rd 2018
- PAS event will be in email

### **Adjourn**