**Graduate Student Council Meeting**

**7:30pm - Thursday, January 8, 2015**

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| **Present:**  **Arts and Sciences:** Anthropology – Neha Angal; Chemistry – Kelsey Sparks, Rafael Masilas; Classical and Modern Languages – Mandy Brown; English – Keri Mathis; Fine Arts – Tracey Eckersley; French – Mandy Brown; Geography and Geosciences – Victoria Montgomery; History – Katherine Morrison; Humanities – Femmy Rose (proxy); Mathematics – Ryan Luke; Physics and Astronomy – Geoffrey Lentner; Political Science – Sean Welch; Psychological and Brain Sciences – Nicholas Holt; Sociology – Rachael Metzger (proxy); Urban and Public Affairs – Aaron Stephenson; Women and Gender Studies – Cassy Collier  **College of Business:** Entrepreneurship – Shaun Digan (proxy)  **College of Education:** Education and Counseling Psychology – Dominic Schmuck; Exercise Physiology – Alex Roberts (proxy); Leadership, Foundations, and Human Resources – Charles Edmiston; Teaching and Learning – Kristin Harbour  **Dental School:** Oral Biology – Saira Ahmed  **School of Medicine:** Anatomical Sciences and Neurobiology – Katie Harman (proxy);Audiology – Mary Beth Duncan; Biochemistry and Molecular Biology – Catherine Cobb, Linda Omer, Jamaal Richie; Microbiology and Immunology – Whitney Weigel (proxy); Pharmacology and Toxicology – Marcus Stepp; Physiology and Biophysics – Anastasia Keller; Speech and Language Pathology – LeAnn Swallom  **School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies:** Interdisciplinary Studies – Angie Carlson  **School of Nursing:** Nursing – Anna Jorayeva  **School of Music:** Music – Thiago Fernandes  **School of Public Health:** Public Health – Victory Osezua  **Speed School:** Chemical Engineering – Alejandro Martinez-Garcia; Civil and Environmental Engineering – Austin Connor; Computer Engineering and Computer Science – Abdallah Eteleeb; Industrial Engineering – Luis Cardona |

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| **Absent:**  **Arts and Sciences:** Biology; Communications; Justice Administration; Pan-African Studies; Theater Arts  **College of Business:** Accountancy  **College of Education:** Health Promotion, Physical Education, and Sports Studies  **Kent School:** Kent School  **Speed School:** Electrical and Computer Engineering; Mechanical Engineering |

**Called Meeting to Order at 7:40pm**

**Officer Reports:**

* President – Jasie Stokes
  + Welcome everyone to the new semester and new year
  + Updates: pop-up lounge on 12/4 was another successful event; shorter time span for this event than the last one because of finals, 10am-3pm; 40 people attended; psychology department again had the most attendance and will be given a special award at the next meeting
  + Meeting w/ the deans tomorrow at noon
  + Keri and Jasie drafted the letter to the Provost indicating that we would like a permanent space to meet, have workshops, GSC meetings, etc and requesting a meeting with the Provost; please email Jasie with any feedback you have about the pop-up lounges, indicating your support so that we can add this feedback to our letter and conversations with administrators regarding this space
* Internal VP – Keri Mathis
  + No report.
* Travel Administrator – Ryan Luke
  + Ryan processed all paperwork for November and December travel before Christmas, but the Controller's Office has not processed it yet; please share this information with constituents
  + Cut-off for this semester is any travel that ends on May 1; if they are traveling during the summer, hold off on these travel applications until April 1
  + Meet with Ryan if you are concerned about inactive/active/probationary statuses
* Treasurer – Behnoush Abdollahi
  + No report.

**New Business:**

* Minutes from meeting on 12/4 approved
* Pop-up lounge – Wed 1/21, Thurs 1/22, or Thurs 1/23?
  + Discussion: representatives suggested either Wed 1/28 or Thurs 1/29
  + Health Science pop-up lounge: dates or ideas for an event on that campus?
* Thursday, 1/29 for HSC; please meet with Femmy to discuss arrangements
* Symposium
  + next fall, we will be working on the state-wide symposium; we will begin planning this larger event right away
  + events committee commitments: helping with the scheduling, recruiting faculty judges, marketing, reviewing proposals; please consider being involved on this committee, especially if you are trying to reinstate your department to active status
  + Jasie will propose the date for the symposium at the February meeting
* Elections and Nominations
  + Proposal of the procedure for elections and nominations: nominations by email; we will send out forms that must be submitted by January 26 at 10pm; PLAN Leadership workshop on the 26th that will discuss leadership and involvement in UofL graduate organizations; if someone nominates you for the position, you will need to accept or reject the nomination by February 4th; we will accept nominations on the floor the evening of our next meeting; we will have a break during that meeting and gather the ballots and return with those by 8pm to have the election
  + Discussion: we will email all representatives notifying who has been nominated for various positions; at that point, individuals nominated will need to respond to us to accept or reject the nomination
    - for the positions of President and VP positions, you must have been an active representative for a semester; anyone enrolled in graduate school can run for the other positions; please talk to people to encourage them to run
    - anyone interested in these positions are encouraged to attend our next executive board meeting, which we will announce via email soon
  + Motion for this proposal of the procedure for elections and nominations carried
  + Elections and Constitution committee – help on the evening of elections with printing and cutting ballots, etc; they could also help create form for elections; final read-through of the revised Constitution
  + Please email Jasie, Keri, or Ben to be involved on this committee
* International Student Survey
  + Jasie has met with the International Student Office about this survey that has fallen flat over the past several months, and Behnoush wants to create a committee to revive this initiative
  + The purpose of the survey is to get feedback on what issues and concerns international graduate students have
  + Groundwork on the survey has been laid, but it needs to be revived and executed
  + Please send an email to Behnoush or Jasie if you would be interested in participating in this
* Announcements
  + PLAN Events for Spring announced; “GTAs and Diversity” Brown-Bag Series announced; see handout for January PLAN events

**Adjourned at 8:13pm**