



**Graduate Student Council Regular Meeting**  
**September 8, 2017**  
**3 pm**  
**Law School LL80**

**Call Meeting to Order**

**Officer Reports:**

- President- Lily Assgari
  - E-board had a productive summer preparing for the year
  - Appropriations has met once, going well
- Internal Vice President- Luis Cardona
  - I take attendance so use your name plates :)
- External Vice President- Kelsey Kaht
  - Bringing Adam Ruben to campus Sept 29
  - Welcome lunch had 160 people attend, cost ~\$300 = success
- Director of Travel- Manooch Saeedi
  - Travel funds are half gone with 90 given and 80 left
- Director of Finance- Pegah Sagheb
  - No report
- Director of Communications- Jakia Marie
  - No report
- Committee Reports
  - None

**Unfinished Business**

- Senator-at-large
  - Gabrielle Read Jasnoff nominated and elected as senator-at-large
- Disclose the spending on the budget remainder of last year
  - Denied wishlists because requests only benefited small number of students (i.e. coffee k-cups) or required upkeep in the future (printer)
  - Instead, bought GSC promotional items, GSC coffee mugs, GSC polos, Halloween prizes, and Conference prizes

**New Business**

- Approval of Attendance from Meeting on April 6, 2017
  - Departments absent: Anthropology, Biology, CML, Geography, History, Criminal Justice, Mathematics, Pan-African Studies, Political Science, Theater Arts, UPA, Health and Sport Sciences, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Nursing
  - Minutes approved unanimously

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Jakia Marie, Director of Communication

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- Days and times of monthly GSC meetings
  - Majority decided first Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm except for January
- Approval of Budget
  - Budget passed unanimously
- Halloween Party Date
  - Motion passed for Kelsey to pick either the Friday or Saturday before Halloween for the party with preference toward Friday
- Conference Date
  - Motion passed for conference date of March 2-3, 2017
- Travel: policy for splitting funds between fall and spring semesters
  - Applications will remain closed and reopen in November (date TBD at next GSC meeting) for Spring travel
- Research Funds: policy to enforce the research funds rule of having to present at the Research Conference
  - Conference dates are decided so students applying for research fund will know when they need to present in 2018
  - Graduating students or people with a conflict who cannot attend the conference can send a poster and/or proxy to present if conflict arises or they can present at a conference the same day as our research conference instead
  - Motion passed for policy for non-graduating students: rule to enforce presentation at the conference falls on the individual and makes them ineligible for travel/research funding for the rest of that academic year plus the following academic year
- SGA Constitutional Revisions
  - Revisions approved unanimously
- Student issues: GRA/GTA sick days and vacation days
  - This is tabled until the next meeting
- Representative business (Poll everywhere)
  - Will begin Poll everywhere in the next meeting
- Vote on amount paid from GSC budget for keynote speaker for the conference
  - Approved budget of \$1,000 for keynote speaker unless collaborate with MAGS
  - Kelsey will find more diverse selection of keynote speakers to be voted on in the next GSC meeting
- Interest on events (several small vs. few large events)
  - Unanimously prefer one large event

## Announcements

- Remember to set up a method for contacting students in your department. Please let me (Lily) know if you need any help!

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- Adam Ruben is co-host of Outrageous Acts of Science on the Science Channel and has been featured on Food Network, Travel Channel, Discovery International, and more. He is coming to present a night of graduate school humor inspired by his book *Surviving Your Stupid, Stupid Decision to Go to Grad School*. Friday, September 29 at 8 pm in Strickler Auditorium, UofL Belknap Campus.

## **Adjourn**

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