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Date: September 3, 2014

Time: 12:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: 8th floor Board room -Dean B. Ellis Library, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro

Meeting Minutes:

Executive Board

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Board Attendees: Dalia Tejada, Josh Bramlett, Juanjuan Li, and Pamela Shultz

Council Attendees: Dr. Sustich, Dr. Gilbert, Chloe Joslin, Shaina Nicholson, Ramya Yalamanchili, Ruchika Panwar, Leslie Malland, Amber McCammon, Revis Edmonds, Yuhai Xiong, Brooks Edmond, Tolulope Lawal, Christie Black, Justin Carothers, Bryant Moy, Holli Werner, and Maleri Carpenter

I. Call to Order and Welcome Note:

Dalia Tejada, President, called the meeting to order at 12:33 pm. Dalia welcomed members to the fall semester. She then introduced the special guests Dr. Sustich and Dr. Gilbert.

Dr. Sustich began by thanking the members for enrolling as graduate students at Arkansas State University. Dr. Sustich mentioned the new GSC office which is located in the International Student Center Room 204 & 205. He suggests that students be sure to stop by and see the new office and get any assistance you need.

Dr. Gilbert (GSC Advisor) welcomed students to the fall semester and extended an invitation to graduate students for a Financial Education project that will occur on September 30, 2014. Further information, will be emailed at a later date.

Dalia then asked graduate students in attendance to make introductions. Each officer and attendee stated their name and major.

Dalia also informed members that minutes from the last meeting in spring, April 23, were approved via email on July 17, 2014 by 14 representatives from 18 notified.



Reports:

President Report- Dalia invited everyone to attend meetings, activities, and to take an active role in the Graduate Student Council.

Dalia also mentioned the interest Career Services had in coming and speaking with the Council on the services they provide at our next meeting. Dalia asked if the council would vote on the invitation to have Brittany Straw to come and speak with us. Pamela Shultz, Secretary, made a motion to invite Brittany. Shaina Nicholson seconded. All were in favor.

Vice President Report- Josh discussed the various committee openings that were available for students to sign up for and passed around a sign-up sheet.

Dalia asked that each member try to sign up for at least two committees in order to have two people from GSC in each committee.

Treasurer Report- Juanjuan stated that she is still waiting on the updated funding sheet from Matt in the Leadership Center. She stated that currently there are five applications requesting funds for travel. She emphasized the importance of submitting applications as soon as possible. The guidelines and documents are available online. Amber McCammon asked that in order to receive funding if traveler must present at the conference and not just attend. Dalia answered that yes the traveler must be presenting; they cannot receive funding from GSC if they are just attending. Leslie spoke on the wording of the documents. She feels that the wording can be misleading. She emphasized that just because someone is approved travel funds does not mean that they will get the full \$300 funding. That it is up to \$300. Pamela mentioned that there have been some changes in travel guidelines university wise and that for some departments meals are no longer included as being reimbursed. It was also mentioned that the diversity committee also gives out travel funding.

Secretary Report- Pamela stated that the minutes from last meeting were approved online as mentioned previously. She will have minutes ready on Tuesdays for approval on Wednesday's meetings.

Other Reports: No reports.



Committee Reports:

Leslie discussed that the Women and Gender Studies website is being updated.

Pamela stated that she was a member of the bookstore committee and was looking for feedback on the new bookstore. Some members stated they were not impressed. Pam mentioned the book price match guarantee as some members were unaware of the price match.

Revis asked how members were to know of committee meetings when they sign up for the committees on the sign-up sheet. Most students are contacted via email about the committees they sign up for and the meeting times.

II. Old Business: None.

III. Open Floor:

IV. New Business:

Dalia informed the council of a new graduate assistant position and that 24 students applied for the position. Of the 24 students, 12 were interviewed. The student that is chosen for the position will be introduced at the next council meeting.

V. Adjournment: 12:59pm

Submitted by Secretary: Pamela Shultz on 9/16/14