



Graduate Student Council Meeting 2017

Date: September 28, 2017

Time: 12:38pm to 01:35pm

Location: 8th floor Board Room - Dean B. Ellis Library

Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR 72401

Minutes:

I. Call to Order: President called the meeting at to order at 12:38PM CST.

II. Introductions

Mr. Tarun (President of International Student Association [ISA]) introduced himself briefly in the beginning of the meeting.

III. Reports

a. President's Report

- i. Ashley wants to redesign the GSC logo, and is working on a few designs. She will see if she can get a new GSC logo approved by the university.
- ii. International graduate students gave their opinions on recent changes to health insurance. Mr. Shahriar and Mr. Tarun discussed some problems with current health insurance policy. Dr. Fowler suggested that GSC and ISA work with administrators associated with the international programs to address these concerns. He also mentioned that GSC and ISA should create a strategic plan with some potential solutions to the problem to take to meetings with administrators. Mr. Tarun also said that he will discuss this issue with the ISA and other international student organizations at A-State to increase support for this concern.
- iii. College representatives are still needed for Business, Education and Behavioral Science, and Nursing and Health Professions.

b. Vice President's Report

- i. SGA Graduate Student Representatives can help us maintain a relationship with SGA.

- ii. Mr. Tarun will help GSC by acting as a graduate student representative at SGA meetings, and then informing GSC of updates from SGA.
- iii. If anyone has updates for the GSC website, contact Rokib. He has completed his training so he has access to make the edits to the website.

c. Treasurer's Report

- i. We will be applying for the SGA Action Fund on October 23rd. We hope to get some funding to host a time/stress management event for graduate students and/or polo shirts.
- ii. For our fun day activity this semester, we *may* have a game and movie night at the Pavilion. We could apply for funds for this through the SGA Action Fund if graduate students are not interested in attending a time/stress management workshop.

d. Committee Reports

- i. Qian attended the University Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee meeting. For their first meeting, they elected a chair (Claudia Benavides) and a secretary (Christina Akbari) for the committee.
- ii. Ashley attended a Faculty Achievement and Awards Committee meeting. They discussed the faculty awards that are given in the spring. Students can nominate their advisors for teaching, research, and/or service awards. Only one nominee per category per college is allowed.
- iii. Ashley attended the Graduate Council Committee meeting, in which they reviewed and approved of course edits, additions, deletions, etc. New graduate certificates will be available soon, so students can take classes to get a certificate that compliments their graduate degree.

V. Open Floor:

- i. Mr. Badrul suggested that we apply to the SGA Action Fund to get money to do a fun activity instead of a stress management workshop. He also asked for an update on the GA Handbook. Ashley is going to establish a GA Handbook committee at the next GSC meeting.
- ii. Mr. Tarun: The ISA has games that they can lend us for a game and movie night fun activity.
- iii. President and Vice President talked about how to raise fund for GSC.

VI. End

- Our next meeting is October 12th from 12:30-1:30pm on the 8th floor of Ellis Library.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM CST.