

GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (GSC) MEETING – NOVEMBER 16TH, 2011



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I. OPENING

- ☞ *Meeting is called to order at 11:07 am on Nov^{16th} 2011.*
- ☞ *DiDi welcomed guests, graduate students and council members.*
- ☞ *First order of business: The secretary, Jacob Sherry submitted his resignation letter and the president accepted it. The president has appointed an Interim secretary until spring elections in April. Due to scheduling issues, our treasurer will be resigning after our last fall meeting. I will be appointing an Interim Treasurer by next meeting.*

II. REPORTS

- ☞ *Audrey–Treasurer:*
 - Nothing has changed since last meeting.
- ☞ *Venkatesh– TFA*
 - We have 6 applications so far and 1 denied because the student already received enough found from his own department. We are still in process of vouchers now; the money has not yet taken out from our account.

III. SHARED GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DiDi-President:

- There was a SGOC meeting on Monday, but neither Tom nor I could attend. We will get update and present to the council. As of right now, the SGA and Staff Senate are only two that has rejected our proposal. We have not received a vote yet from the Dean’s Council or the Faculty Senate. All other constituents have approved our proposal. Once the proposal has completed the SGOC process, it will be sent to the Interim Chancellor’s desk for his final decision. Even with a majority SGOC approval Dr. Howard can still deny the proposed handbook change.

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IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. BY-LAWS

- The Executive Board has not had opportunities to work; we are going table until the spring.

B. PHD MOVIE

- DiDi encouraged members to talk to their department about the movie. The location of this event is not decided yet.

C. GPSAW

- April 2nd thru April 6th, Appreciation Banquet will be Thursday March 29th from 5:30-7:30pm.

D. New Graduate Student Orientation

- The NGSO will be on Tuesday, Jan 24th from 12:30 pm to 4 pm. Tom will be sending out emails after the new year to let the volunteers know our plans.

E. Awards

- The executive board is currently working on the guidelines for faculty to follow in nominating graduate students. The guidelines will also be passed to the Dean’s Council who will be choosing the three students winners. The executive board is also working on guidelines for students to nominate professors for the mentorship award and how the executive board will choose the winners.

V. NEW Business

A. Last meeting of fall semester 2011

- The last meeting of fall semester 2011 will be a potluck. GSC will provide canned drinks.
- A sign in sheet is passed around of what are the members want to bring.
- The location will be in the graduate school board room.

VI. Open Floor

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☞ *Krishna introduced the International Journal that any internal student can distribute articles to it. DiDi asked for more copies so that we can pass these out to students.*

VII. Adjournment (@12:04 pm)

Motioned by DiDi seconded by Richard