General Meeting Minutes

Date: 02/21/2017
Location: HJLC 126

1. Call to order / Welcome
   a. 5:05pm
2. Secretary’s Report
   a. Voted to approve minutes from 02/07/2017
3. President’s report
   a. Meeting with Dean Reyes and Provost Howard:
      i. Working excessive hours, treatment to international GAs, female GAs concerning to the council. Both are meeting with faculty about this.
      ii. Send complaints to the provost office. As GAs we are protected from retaliation to discuss issues and complaints. However, they can’t deal with relationship with supervisor.
      iii. Provost has assured that domestic students will have health insurance offered by university starting in Fall 2017; better package hopefully for international students.
4. Treasurer’s Report
   a. Remaining budget: $8,305
   b. Library Student Advocacy Action Committee: University is cutting funding for journals. Let your departments know what journals you need if you’re concerned about your journals being cut
   c. Make sure your GSOs are registered under GSC
5. VP report
   a. GA Reallocation Committee:
      i. In support of repurposing unused TA monies from Colleges to fund insurance for Domestic TA’s. (Projected excess of $700,000 across Colleges 2016-2017 year)
      ii. In support of removing extra courses/TA’s to fund insurance. (Courses have 10 sections available for students, but realistically need only 7 courses to cover number of students registering for class).
   b. Future Issues: Tuition Waiver, Requirements for TA’s to be covered for health insurance, flexibility to continue supporting international students as TA’s, Budget cuts from State/University.
6. VP of Activities’ Report
   a. GRAS is April 7th
      i. Register online for reception; submit abstracts for presentations
      ii. Domenici Hall
      iii. Box lunches rather than dinner at reception/ poster session
7. Graduate Senator’s Report
   a. Ehtesham: Financial procedure workshops held online. Also there is a proposal to post the community service forms online.
8. Updates and Announcements
9. Open Forum
a. JD:
   i. Please let your students know that your office is a safe space for undergrads.
   ii. If you don't have insurance, perhaps look into state Medicaid (if you don't work in the summer)

b. Chad: Discussed his leaving the senate floor and his position on the topic of senator excusals.

c. Dr. Hernandez: Grad students are encouraged to attend meetings for Fall Education Conference to help plan. March 1st 1:30-3pm

d. Ehtesham: ASNMSU are being strict with senators this semester. Point system for senators missing. 1 point for each missed session and 6 points can be impeached. Perhaps add something to GSC bylaws like ASNMSU has for senator attendance. GSC votes to excuse senator absences

e. Adam: Dean Reyes asked how we are professionalizing GSC.
   i. Change titles: VP Activities -> VP of Grad Student Life; Webmaster -> VP of Communications
   ii. Think about now if you are interested in running in March for GSC elections

10. Adjournment
   a. 5:42pm