



Graduate Student Organization (GSO)

Est. 1968—54th Senate

Fifth Regular Meeting: Minutes

January 26th, 2021

IVP called meeting to order at 5:36pm.

Roll call: 30 voting members present.¹

Approval of previous minutes: no corrections and approval at 5:37pm.

- Executive Reports
 - President's report at 5:39pm
 - Grad space is in Lyman 122; grand opening event TBA
 - Summer doctoral funding
 - Covid relief funding designated to 75% of student requests
 - Graduate dissertation funding apps opening soon
 - Ad Hoc committee formed to send out and gather information regarding summer funding
 - Rollover funding proposal approved for 50% of available funds
 - Rollover designated to student and GSO events
 - Graduate Housing – new rates for graduate students
 - Advocacy – aiming to fill the student advising council seats
 - Sustainability Grant – funding opportunity with apps due 3/16/22
 - Q & A
 - Evan H. – Will summer funding lend to an increase in demand for funding?
 - Yousr – They have gotten a max of 100 apps and historically approved 40. This is a temporary solution and the information collected will reflect future changes.
 - Benjie T. – How much can one apply for?
 - Yousr – There may be more information on their site and applications are still open.
 - IVP's Report at 5:46pm
 - Updated Constitution – to be updated and made available to the senate on the GSO website.
 - Climate Change Committee – were very active over the break received interests for new members
 - Travel Grant Committee – currently seeking 2 more members

- aim to ensure that apps are evaluated in a fair and timely manner.
 - Committee Review Process
 - GSO to conduct a review process to ensure that work is getting done.
 - IVP will meet with the chairs to discuss updates and Reports.
 - IVP seeking to identify needs for changes. Findings to be reported in next meeting.
 - o EVP's Report at 5:54pm
 - Merch Available
 - Planning a community volunteer event.
 - o Comptroller's Report at 5:57pm
 - Rollover Request
 - Academics/Professional fund
 - Spring Events
 - RSO programming/travel grant \$31,879
 - o Recording Sec.'s Report at 6:02pm
 - please be sure to check with your grad students in your department to request that applicants follow up regarding award notifications.
- 6:02pm Your proposed an open forum
 - o Joy- the student life committee is collecting info about grad student use of MH resources.
 - o 6:09pm – Question – Is there an options for family housing
 - Your – Right now there are no options for families. We wanted to push for subsidies for housing, but it was not well received.
 - o 6:12pm – Question – Are there any updates from the university senators?
 - Shiila – There was a vote regarding retiring faculty's health insurance.
 - Your – It would be helpful for university senators to report back to our GSO senate meetings.
 - o 6:15pm – Question – How many events are being planned for this semester?
 - Britt – If you have ideas for social events, please reach out. Currently planning a GSO banquet.
 - o 6:17pm – Question – We are concerned about parking for graduate students.
 - Daniel – The student employment committee is working on the issue of the accessibility and cost of parking.
 - o 6:21pm – Question – Senators do not know the students are that they Rep. Can there be an opportunity to introduced to the students.
 - Daniel – We can make the list of senators more visible
 - Linzy – You can also reach out to your dept chair for a student listserv.
 - o 6:27pm – Question – Are we hosting any Black History Month celebrations?
 - Your – GSO has not historically had an event but we can work on an event this year.
- Announcements or Remarks
 - o Elections will be held in April
 - o Next meeting – 2/23/22 @530pm
 - o Read GSO constitution
- 6:33pm meeting adjourned

Recording Secretary: Linzy Andre