

GSA Senate meeting, November 4

Roll call: 7:30

Invocation at 7:32

- Motion to end at 8:30
 - Seconded, and passes
- Officer reports
 - VP: update on dissertation committee
 - Hasn't heard from music, anthropology, or engineering
 - Has received some nominations, still waiting to hear back from psychology and library and information science
 - Events update
 - If you have ideas, email Emily or Amanda – GSA welcomes suggestions
- Old business
 - Quorum is 50% - in the constitution
 - MSPS undergrads in GSA – motion to discuss (passes)
 - Do we have quorum to vote?
 - Yes we do
 - Sen. Djain – doesn't see a reason why not to allow them
 - They're older, have interests more aligned with our
 - Motion to vote – seconded
 - 18 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions
 - Passes
 - Dissertation thesis scholarship fund selection committee nominations
 - Motion to approve – seconded
 - Passes
 - Mr. Matthews's proposal – the social group
 - Seems like it would be best to form an ad hoc committee
 - Sen. Keeney – the situation is unfortunate, but it can be solved in other ways, like Facebook or the Nest
 - Emily – the ad hoc committee would actually help with the implementation
 - Sen. Djain – lots of great ideas, and it would be nice to have a committee to bring them together
 - School involvement, senator involvement, grad student involvement
 - Start with getting to know people in your own department, and branch out from there
 - Emily – anyone even interested?
 - His plan probably needs to be further focused
 - Sen. Clough – move to table until he's here?
 - Sen. Keeney – to start now: better advertising, publicity for the events
 - We'll send him the suggestions in the minutes, and invite him to the next meeting to see if he wants to volunteer to start the committee.
 - Motion to table and wait for Mr. Matthews – passes

- Email the new PR director if you have any events you would like to publicize, or about things going on in your department
 - Alcohol and p-card policy
 - Not top priority for them, but don't go crazy with alcohol spending
- New business
- Cardinal veterans organization – funding for Nov. 11 to screen *American Sniper* on campus
 - Seeking \$475
 - Motion to discuss – seconded and passes
 - Senator from MSPS – there is a veterans group on campus, and since they have grad students and under grads, it's kind of tricky to know who they go to for funding
 - Sen. Clough – why *American Sniper*, and not a cheaper movie?
 - Sen. Keeney – why only a week before? Short notice
 - Sen. Djain – is it more expensive, or is it usual?
 - Do the libraries have screening rights?
 - Sen. Clough – probably not
 - Can the payment be split?
 - It is an event that is open to the community.
 - How many grad students are in the organization?
 - Didn't know
 - On the Nest, they have 50 members
 - Is there anything else going on with the event? Just showing the movie, or movie plus a discussion?
 - The fundraising – is it for the movie, or for other things?
 - If the GSA funds it, it would come from the general fund, EC money that isn't allocated.
 - Have departments gotten rebates? – yes
 - New person in OCA, and she's kind of learning as she goes, so it looks like we have more money than we actually do
 - Have they advertised the event? Does anyone know about it?
 - Motion to vote – passes
 - 5 in favor, 11 opposed, 4 abstentions
- A few brief comments from Emily about the agenda, motions, voting
 - She'll present proposals, requests, or news from people/groups, but if the senators don't even want to talk about some proposal, they can vote just to move on (i.e. they don't even have to discuss some item of business in the agenda if they don't want to, let alone vote)
- Announcements
 - Our parliamentarian quit today, and we need one, so if anyone would like to apply, please apply
 - Or if you know anyone, email Emily
- Motion to adjourn at 8:08 – passes unanimously
- Meeting adjourned, 8:08