



Senate Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2015

Call to order- 7:43 pm

Executive Committee Announcements

President

- Education Focus Group
 - The Department of Education is looking for a group of graduate students to act as a focus group to discuss the relationship of sexual violence to CUA. This would meet Monday or Tuesday. Anyone interested in participating should contact Dean Jennings, jeningk@cua.edu
- Dissertation Boot Camp Updates (June 15-19)
 - Currently reviewing applicants from first round, openings are still available! 15 person cap. If traveling out of state and traveling reimbursement and place to stay can be provided. Students should be in the writing stage-require accepted proposal.

Graduate Student Awards

Graduate Student Service Award:

Wadad Alsalmi

Gregory Collins

Catalina Perez

Shauntia White

Rebecca Vaccaro

Senator of the Year Award: Benjamin Djain

Fulton J Sheen Award: John Mickey

Senate Business

Psychology statement and Bylaw (President, by request of Senate)

- Create a letter for our records (internal memo) and an attached Bylaw.
- **Attached Bylaw Proposal:**
Activity Fee revenue cannot be spent on infrastructure required for the completion of coursework or degrees. e.g. Required research software, licenses for such software, and computers to run said software.

- Why?- If a senator is unable to fulfill request it protects them from spending funds that should have funding from other sources.
- Senator Djain- The addition to the bylaw is not as strict as it seems. GSA would still have ability to talk about it and bring it to attention.
- This protects grad students' own money (activity fee) from going to infrastructure, which should be funded by the university.

Move to vote- seconded- 22 for, 1 abstain, 0 opposed-bylaw change passed.

New Conference Guidelines

- Add travel expenses for research for a dissertation or thesis. Would still have \$600.00 cap for the year.
- Would require letter from contact and advisor that the research relates to thesis/dissertation research.

Move to vote-seconded-unanimous-Passes

Swearing in of New Officers

Your 2015-2016 Executive Committee

President: Emily Butler

Vice President: Jessica Deal

Secretary: Esther Hudson

Treasurer: Dominic Pigneri

Academic Senator: Erikk Geannikis

Announcements

- Senator Wrenne: A new learning center is being created for all students on campus. Looking for feedback from graduate students and departments to find out what would benefit students.
- Senator Djain: Tuesday April 28th at Busboys and Poets 5-7 School of Arts and Sciences Happy Hour
- Senator Powell: Italian 500 offered in the Fall 2015. Enrollment is still open!
- Conference Chair position open! Work from home 5 hours a week and get paid! Contact Emily Butler if you are interested
27bulter@cardinalmail.cua.edu

Thank you to all of those who gave their time to the GSA this year!

Adjourned- 8:21 pm