Senate Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2015

Call to order
7:40 pm

Executive Committee Announcements

President
- Grad Writing Workshop
  4/11/15- these sessions are for writing. Research should be completed before workshop.
- International Students Chair
- Graduate Board Meeting
  - NO graduate honor code established
  - Graduate Admissions is now part of Enrollment Management
    - Departments are suppose to have access to applications but don't which could cause problems with selecting applicants.
  - Theology working on an MPhil degree. Not approved yet.

Parliamentarian
- Graduate Student Research Fund Proposal
  - Taking from other surplus GSA funds would create the research fund. Therefore, the GSA would know each year how much could be allocated according to the yearly budget.
  - It would be a reimbursement, which means students would have to front the money.
    - This is how University handles all travel expenses and would be the easiest solution
  - Could have senate department account reimbursed if the student couldn't pay out of pocket up front.
  - Propose that the Academic Senator would be responsible for the Fund.
  - Motion that the position responsibilities can be put in the bylaws before election.
Senate Business

Appoint someone to draft the statement accompanying Psychology Lab:
- Motion PASSES that Senator Wrenn will draft statement for the next meeting

Proposal that Committee Chairing Counts as Senate Meeting Attendance
- Create minimum number of events that the chair of a committee would have to complete that would count toward meeting attendance.
- This would reward individuals who serve on SENATE appointed committees (Parents, Philanthropy, and International).
- Motion PASSES to accept the proposal that a committee chair that hosts two events each semester meets the minimum of senate meeting requirements.

Funding for School of Arts and Sciences Events
- SA&S is trying to create a community for the school by hosting more events.
- For each specific event departments from SA&S will be asked to help provide funds. The goal is to split funds between departments and SA&S.
- Go through GSA Senate on case-by-case bases to ask departments for help.

Announcements
- TRS unanimously voted to provide funds for the Psychology department to purchase dividers.
  - Conditions attached for favors including a gender study for the department.

Adjourn
8:46 pm