



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. Therefor, 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