



# Senate Meeting Minutes

## January 21, 2015

### Call to order

7:30

### Senate Business

#### A Visit from Dean Bornholdt

- Introduced herself to senators from the School of Arts and Sciences.
- Her goal is to create a better academic environment that encourages faculty and grad students to work together.
- Wants to hear more from grad students to help address their needs and concerns.
- Created a Graduate Student Newsletter to share department accomplishments
- Meeting with Dean's Council  
Grad Students on Dean's Council: Benjamin Djain, Patrick Kelleher, Jennifer Groebner, Ryan Kraig, and Alex Poulos.

Please contact Dean Bornholdt at [bornholdt@cua.edu](mailto:bornholdt@cua.edu) if you have any questions or concerns.

#### Psychology Department Computer Lab Update

(Senator Michelle Roth)

- The Psychology department has 5 computers that are outdated
- Requesting \$2,937 for new computers and updates + \$806 for dividers
  - The psychology department receives about \$1200 in rebate money, but most of the money is put toward other graduate student needs throughout the year.
  - The psychology department has worked with CPIT for quote on computer prices.
  - CPIT cannot give the department refurbished computers
  - Other resources for funds were researched, but GSA is only option.

- Senate is concerned that the quote for new computers and cost of dividers is too high
- Senate would like to know what are other options for funding and if a lower cost of funding could be requested from GSA.

Motion tabled for next meeting.

### **GSA Funded Research Grants**

(Senator Powell)

- Proposal to start allocating money from crab fest and into research grants for PhD students.
- Senators from other departments are concerned with the amount of money spent on crab fest.

Email Anita Kinney ([86kinney@cardinalmail.cua.edu](mailto:86kinney@cardinalmail.cua.edu)) and Emily Bulter ([27butler@cardinalmail.cua.edu](mailto:27butler@cardinalmail.cua.edu)) if you have any ideas or suggestions.

### **Extended Pool Hours**

(Senator Alikhani)

- Pool only open Mon-Fri from 7-9 am and 12-3 pm, closed on weekends
- Propose that the pool be opened for a few hours on the weekend and possibly be more flexible during the week.
- The GSA President is looking into the resources provided to graduate students at the DuFour center.

**Adjourned**

8:35