11/21/24 MEETING AGENDA

1. Refreshments: Marco’s Pizza

Meeting Start Time: 7:11 pm

1. Minutes of the last meeting: Secretary
2. Treasurer’s update
	* Rivi discussed the adds to the GSC
3. Reports from directors
	* Bethany- Events
		1. Reminder about the Egg Bowl Tailge on November 29
	* Sandip- Symposium
		1. Progress for the symposium has been made
		2. Tasks have been delegated to committee members that focus on creating a theme, the date, the speaker, the budget, etc.
		3. Goals is to increase participation and engagement
		4. Wants the event to focus not just on a platform for presenting research or creative work but whats to emphasize networking opportunities among participants, attendees, and professionals/experts
		5. Theme: Bridging Divides
	* Bruce- Housing Director
		1. Held first committee meetings
		2. Housing survey will be sent out to all graduate students by the beginning of the Spring semester
		3. Asking for more senators to join the housing committee, even if you cannot make it to monthly meetings more senators’ input is valuable
	* Apu- Multicultural Director
		1. Reached out to all available in forum international and national student community leaders regarding the collaborative program
		2. Library Council Fall 2024 Meetings
		3. New Resources available for graduate students to have more effective experience with sources and research uploads
			1. Sage explorer and other resources have been updated
4. Matters arising
	* Presentation by proposed graduate welfare sub-committee- Nauman
		1. Committee for graduate students' parents with unique challenges
			1. Statistics of the approximate number of graduate students with an F2 visa for their dependents in 2022 \
			2. The main problem is that the children and dependents are 6.5% so this problem goes under the radar
			3. Unique situation of international parents
				1. Work location is limited to on-campus only
				2. max of 20 hours per week for work
				3. Dependents cannot work
				4. Cultural and linguistic barriers to resource sharing

Because things are different the students are limited to interacting only with individuals who speak the same language as them which usually ends in having limited resouq

* + - * 1. lack of proximity to family or communities
		1. Highlighting real cases
			1. comprised living situations ( 3-5 people in one-bedroom apartments)
			2. Safety concerns: absence of health insurance for dependents, unreliable cars, poor housing conditions,
			3. Mental health is compromised due to: fear, isolation, being overworked, lack of leisure
		2. Objectives of the Committee
			1. Increase graduate student stipend for all students
			2. Provide University subsidized housing
			3. Offer health insurance for dependents
			4. Set up an emergency fund
		3. Committee Action Plan: Advocacy
			1. Document cases both written and anonymous and videographed
			2. Ask departments, and donors to contribute voluntarily
		4. Events and Partnerships opportunities for students from the committee

* + Vote: A majority vote approved the creation of the Subcommittee for Student Welfare
		1. Next meeting the committee will present the personnel, their titles, and
1. Other business for the night
	* Open floor discussion
	* ASB-sponsored Attendance Policy amendment
		1. Kennedy and Walker
			1. Create a change in the attendance policy to help students
			2. Asking for a partnership for feedback to make the new policy stronger
			3. The amendments also include the responsibility of students
	* Vote on sweatshirt design
		1. Motion to table the sweatshirt design until December 15, 2023
2. Announcement

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm