Graduate Student Council Senate Meeting 9/19

Meeting Agenda

1. Refreshment
   1. Catered by South Depot
2. Introduction/Announcement of new senators (and seats currently vacant)
   1. Introductions of new GSC senate
      1. Attendance taken of each newly elected senators
   2. Seat vancanties
      1. Chemical Engineering
      2. Civil Engineering
      3. Computer and Information Science
      4. Economics Food and Nutrition Sciences
      5. Management Information Systems
      6. Mathematics
      7. Medicinal Chemistry
      8. Pharmacognosy
      9. Pharmacology
      10. Political Science
      11. Secondary Education
3. Introduction/Presentations of Directors
   1. Director of Symposium: Sandip Rai
      1. Explanation of creative symposium
         * Advancing creative achievements for all students
         * Provides information for networks in students respective fields
         * QR code will be displayed for senators interested in joining this committee
   2. Director of Events: Bethany Akers
      1. Goals of this position
         * Build networks with students
         * Create community for graduate students
      2. Fall events
         * Tailgate for Homecoming Football game Sep 28, 2024@11am
         * Tailgate for Egg Bowl football game November
         * Picnic in the Grove: Date TBD
   3. Multicultural Director: Aminal Aput
      1. Goals
         * Help students bridge gaps between individuals from different cultures and provide events for them
      2. Upcoming events
         * GSC Film Night : October 18, 2024
4. Election of the Senate Parliamentarian
   1. Responsibilities
      1. Ensure that the bylaws and GSC constitution are being followed
      2. Nomination of Mr. Ahmer Khan
5. Election of the President Pro-Tempore for the Senate (to act in the absence of the Senate Chair)
   1. Responsible for hosting the GSC meetings in the absence of the chair
      1. Nomination of Mr. Jaylen Wooduard
6. Election of the Senate Clerk
   1. Responsible for adhering to the duties of the reporter in their absence
      1. Nomination of Miss Kiara Clay
7. Selection of members for the standing committees
8. Distribution of the Senate meeting schedule for the semester
9. New voting system? (ASB Vice President) : Jack Jones
   * 1. Normally senate members suspend the traditionally parliamentary rules and allow senate votes by using voice acclimation because voting by roll call becomes time consuming
     2. After researching he discovered a digital website Meridian point solutions that allows the record of voting
     3. The cost of the software is about under $40,000 to install and a $750 renew the software each year
     4. The ASB would be responsible for the maintenance and renewal of the software
     5. Voting on the new voting system: New Voting System Approved
        + Aye; 17 votes
        + Nay; 14 votes
10. Budget deliberation
    1. SAF funding report for events hosted throughout the semester so far
    2. GSC funding report for the events hosted and upcoming events
       1. Senate vote to approve the funds used so far in the amount of $911.17
11. General announcement
    1. Concern for international graduates students with dependents
       1. Students cannot work over 20 hours and they cannot work outside of the university
       2. Causes emotional and mental strain on the students
       3. Create motion to make a standing committee to address these issues
          * Motion to create a committee for student welfare and resources
          * Motion to table the discussion on the student welfare issues
          * Motion to table discussing getting resources like getting help with filing taxes
            1. Program called VITA that usually starts in February and is a free program to help students file taxes
       4. Motion to create networking and integration between the law school and the graduate school, and the SOC
          * Motion to table the discussion of integrating activities
          * Law students and other programs students are technically not graduate students
    2. Secretary
       1. Request for senators who haven’t to send picture for social media post during homecoming week
12. Meeting adjournment