

Graduate Student Association
Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2018
5:30 pm
Tech 160

In Attendance: Ray Wagner, Emikhe Tisor, Elaine Flowers, Jillian Custodi, Perry Angoy, Desiree Calliste, Randolph Lieberman, Antonio Regulier, Tevin Liao, Nikia Brown, Courtney Rivera, Esmeralda Sierra

Absent: School of Education (Aaron Nadrowski and Allan Sesay), School of Professions (Jazmene Mosley)

I. Call to Order: 5:32 pm

II. Approval of the Minutes

A. Approval: Desiree | Second: Perry

III. Approval of the Agenda

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IV. Officer Reports

A. President: Ray Wanger

1. Had a meeting with President Conway-Turner. She asked for recommendations for a commencement speaker in 2020. Speakers must be related to buffalo, free of charge and good at public speaking
2. Went over the GSA website and how to navigate it
3. Vice President of GSA resigned. The position is now open
 - a) One of the main task for the VP is the Graduate Research Fair

B. Vice President of Finance - Emikhe Tisor

1. Funding request is still being accepted
2. So far \$10,230 was requested and \$7120 was funded

C. Vice President of Administration - Elaine Flowers - No reports

D. Senator Reports

1. Arts and Humanities, Education, Natural and Social Sciences, Professions: No reports
2. Senator At-Large: Courtney Rivera - Attended the open house. She discussed GSA with several students. A lot of them was excited about it and will take interest next year

E. Dean Miller

1. Give thanks to everyone!
2. Graduate survey: for graduate students when they apply for graduation. Grad students would be asked to talk about their time at Buffalo State, questions about their program and their overall experience.
3. Looking for volunteers for Campus Safety Committee.
 - a) 3 graduate students to serve on the committee.
 - b) **If you are interested let Dr. Miller know! Cleveland Hall**

V. Old Business

- A. Increasing Senator Involvement - Run smaller events on campus
- B. Creating a group chat for e-board and senators
- C. Elaine created a flyer to increase social media engagement

VI. New Business

A. Small events: Ray Wagner

1. Setting up a committee that would focus on the smaller events. This committee would then report back to the larger group with proposed dates and times of the smaller events.
 - a) Ideally one person from each school, the work could be done electronically
 - b) Committee: Graduate School (Courtney), Arts and Humanities (Jillian), Natural & Social Sciences (Esmeralda)
 - (1) Need two representatives from the school of education and the school of professions.
 - (2) Antonio is willing to fill a gap if needed.

B. Large Events: Ray Wagner

1. An event to celebrate graduate students and give them a sense of community
 - a) Formal event where we could pre-sale tickets and have it at a banquet hall or a yacht (Miss Buffalo)
 - b) Dr. Miller - A theatre event could be an option. We should reach out to all graduate students and see who would like to serve on this committee.
 - c) Antonio - Take childcare into consideration, a lot of graduate students do have families. Have family friendly event/Weekend event. Bisons game, Gala, Picnic.
 - d) **If you are interested in joining the larger events committee please send your name to Ray!**

C. GSA Video: Ray Wagner

1. Creating videos that could promote GSA and show the graduate school experience
 - a) Videos could be posted to youtube which is a great idea for incoming students (browsing the web to get more information on grad school at Buffalo State)
 - b) Tevin: We should reach out to communications and publications for more assistance
 - (1) E-board should explore this option more and then present it back to the senate.

D. Higher Education Panel & Mentor Program: Elaine Flowers

- a) Panel collaboration with USG.
 - (1) Promoting higher education for undergraduate students, sharing our experiences and giving them advice in different aspects of graduate school.
- b) Mentor Program
 - (1) Spoke with VP Gordon about starting a program where graduate students would mentor undergraduate students
 - (2) Working on a foundation for this project. Will follow up with VP Gordon and then ask for help with the development of this program.

E. Welcoming Event for Next Year: Ray Wagner

1. Come to the next meeting with ideas
2. Establish a task committee?
3. Should be have a spring event?

F. Senator Antonio Regulier: GSA Group Picture

1. Ray: Next meeting we will be taking a GSA Photo!
2. GSA shirts will be provided

G. Filling the Vice President Position

1. Nominations for VP will be sent out to all graduate students
2. Graduate student would be able to vote for who they want as their GSA Vice President
3. Nominations will be open for 30 days.
4. With the nomination process the position would be active during the spring semester.

VII. Closing Comments

A. Next GSA Meeting will be held in Tech 160 on November 16, 2018

VIII. Adjourned - 6:57 pm