

Graduate Student Association
Meeting Minutes for September 28, 2018
5:30 pm
Tech 160

In Attendance: Ray Wagner, Emikhe Tisor, Elaine Flowers, Yao Liu, Courtney Rivera, Jillian Custodi, Tevin Liao, Allan Sesay, Randolph Lieberman, Desiree Calliste, Jazmene Mosley, Ana Olmeda, Esmeralda Sierra, You Yu, Lu Xu, Aaron N.

- I. Welcome - Dr. Floss: Robert rules
 - A. How to navigate through graduate student meetings
- II. Approval of the Agenda
- III. Old Business
 - A. GSA Kickback event
 - 1. Everything went well but we only had 15 participants
 - a) Was expecting higher participant numbers
- IV. New Business (Reports)
 - A. **President report - Ray Wagner**
 - 1. Vision: build up GSA representation, ensure everyone knows where to go.
 - 2. Would like to launch new events to make our voice stronger
 - 3. Have senators offer their own events.
 - a) Example: Free coffee and donuts during peak times.
 - 4. 105F GSA Office Space in Campbell Student Union. Anyone is welcome to visit keep the space clean and be courteous.
 - B. **Vice President for Finance - Emikhe Tisor**
 - 1. Reviewing funding request with Marnie
 - 2. You can be reimbursed up to \$1,000 per year.
 - 3. GSA offers funding for research, conferences, professional development, scholarships, creation or presentations (Grad School Fair)
 - 4. You cannot get money for food or car mileage! No international travel.
 - 5. Must include a letter of support from your department
 - 6. Include price quotes. Be clear and include documentation of the event
 - 7. Refer to the GSA website for additional information
 - C. **Senator Report** - No senator reports
 - D. **Advisor's Report** - Started the meeting with a brief explanation of Robert's Rules
- V. New Business (Roundtable discussion)
 - A. **Increasing Senator Involvement**
 - 1. How do we advertise? GSA should increase advertisement. Start by creating a group text message with senators.
 - a) Google phone numbers?

- b) Utilize resources that we have! Buffalo State organizations have a good social media presence, so ask different organizations to post our event flyers.
- 2. Host a pizza social before or in between classes so that students could grab a slice and head back to class.
- 3. Regarding time: Any sort of social or gathering should start around 4-5 ending around 6.
 - a) Look into the times of different graduate programs because they are different. From there we could decide on our program times.
 - b) Ask Marnie for graduate school times
- 4. See if professors can give out a point or two so that our numbers would increase. Maybe make one of our events an extra credit?

VI. Closing comments

A. None

VII. Motion to adjourn - 6:09 pm