



Graduate Student Association Meeting

Friday, November 10, 2023

Minutes

- I. Call to Order at 5:30pm
- II. Agenda Adopted
 1. Layla DuBose introduced to Senate and provided reason for interest in serving on GSA as School of Education GSA Senator.
 2. Layla DuBose voted in as third School of Education GSA Senator
- III. GSA Officers in attendance: Shenese Patterson, Desiray Slaughter, Julia Lange, Clivens Fresnel, Katherine Miromonti, Layla DuBose, Veronica Golden, Itoko Kobayash, Navya Mehta, Cinnamon Morris, DJ Hardwick, Lisa Michael
- IV. October 13, 2023, GSA Meeting Minutes Approved
- V. Remarks of the President, Shenese Patterson
 - a. Meeting with Interim President – Interim President will be coming to the last meeting to discuss the next Buffalo State president.
 - b. Next meets with Interim President November 13, 2023
 - c. President will be leaving a write up for next president and GSA will be included. So it is important to reach out to Shenese about anything we would want her to tell the next president.
- VI. Remarks of the GSA Administrative Liaison, Dr. Kevin Miller, Director, Graduate Studies
- VII. Remarks of Vice President of Finance, Clivens Fresnel
 - a. Will meet with Dr. Miller to develop a budget plan for GSA to use as a spending guide going forward.
 - b. Proposal will be sent to Senators Katherine Miromonti and Cinnamon Morris for review and feedback.
 - c. Budget plan to be introduced at next GSA meeting.
- VIII. Remarks of Executive Vice President, Julia Lange
- IX. Remarks of Vice President of Administration, Desiray Slaughter
 - a. Planning Committee update - Holiday party with HESAA collective a group through HESAA department that plan events for the higher education program. Everyone on the planning committee meet with Desiray to plan spring events. Working with other planning departments for events.
 - i. More workshops (resume, cover letter etc).
 - ii. When Planning committee gets a chance reach out to other departments for collaborative events



- iii. Creative problem solving for event.
- iv. Clivens will contact me for more information.
- v. More workshop ideas we are open to.

X. New Business

- a. New marketing and social media position. Advocating for the GSA and utilizing social media. Consensus to move forward with investigating the change. We have social media but has not been used in years. Cinnamon discussed any graphics we could use, and she is willing to help. This position would not be open until next year. Will require a change to GSA Constitution.
- b. Remarks/Thoughts from Senators – constituent questions/comments
 - i. Attendee asked when is the next meeting? - December 8th
 - ii. Layla DuBose is in her second semester here and wants to be a voice for her other literacy specialist peers. Everyone is trying to figure out where they fit and feel like their voices are not heard.
 - iii. Shenese mentioned to Layla how students are struggling to write in their UNC course. Layla was asked how GSA might help her and her master's program. Layla was discussing how her third graders are also struggling. She would be interested in collaborating on this with EOP first years. Shenese mentioned that a lot of our students are not on the same level as their peers, and this could be a good collaboration. Clivens is also interested in this because he wants to improve on his writing skills too.
 - iv. Daniel mentioned how useful this would be for everyone.
 - v. Dr. Miller mentioned this could be a great workshop for GSA. As a professional development opportunity.
- c. Other

XI. Closing Comments - Next semester it will be a smoother meeting process.

XII. Meeting adjourned at 6:19pm.