September General Assembly Meeting – Minutes
“All graduate students are members automatically”

Friday September 21st, 2018 at 3:00 pm
Location: Waldo Library, Room 3028
Late lunch served at 2:30 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Parliamentarian – Jamie Hallas at 3:05

II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS – Parliamentarian – Jamie Hallas
   a. Approve previous minutes
   b. Approve current agenda

III. ICE BREAKER – Director and Editor of the Hilltop Review – Adam Waggoner

   Our Journal’s Director and Editor Waggoner had students perform a series of
   stretches for muscle relaxation.

IV. GRADUATE STUDENT COMMONS – Dean of Libraries – Julie Garrison

   Dean Garrison introduced students to Waldo Library’s Graduate Students Commons.
   She answered questions regarding room policies and etiquette.

V. 3MT COMPETITION – Director of Professional Development – Thi Tran

   Our Director of Professional Development Tran provided detailed information about
   the GSA’s 3 Minutes Thesis Competition. In addition, he introduced the Spring 2017-1st
   Place winner De’Lon Dixon who delivered his presentation titled “The Passive Effects of
   the Full Gateway on Vehicle Speed” This was done to serve as an example of what the 3MT
   Competition looks like. Finally, tra

VI. HILLTOP REVIEW JOURNAL - Director of the Hilltop Review – Adam Waggoner

   Our Journal’s Director and Editor Waggoner provided detailed information about the
   Journal’s fall issue. He answered questions from the audience.
VII. **SALSA NIGHT** – *Director of Events* – Paola Hiciano

Our Director of Events Hiciano provided detailed information about the ‘Salsa Night’ event. Hiciano answered questions from the audience.

VIII. **OPEN FLOOR/STUDENT CONCERNS** – *Parliamentarian* – Jamie Hallas

A few graduate students posed some questions that were addressed by Dean Stapleton.

Our Director of Legislative Affairs Stephanie Haft requested input from students before her advocacy efforts in Washington D.C.

GSA President, Amaury Pineda conducted a trivia competition among graduate students who had been in the meeting for the first time. The three winners got prizes courtesy of the GSA.

IX. **GRADUATE COLLEGE** – *Dean of the Graduate College* – Dr. Susan Stapleton

Dean Stapleton provided information about the Grad College, the grants they have available and the services they provided. Dr. Stapleton also answered questions from the audience.

X. **LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** – *President* – Amaury Pineda

President Pineda provided detailed information about the vacant position of Director of Administration.

XI. **BUDGET UPDATE** – *Vice President* – Craig Morris

Vice-president Morris provided detail information on how the GSA budget works. He answered questions from the audience.

XII. **CLOSING ACTIVITY** – *President* – Amaury Pineda

President Pineda conducted a fun activity. The winners of the activity got the right for the ticket to the Phantom of the Opera Show in Feb.

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT** – *Parliamentarian* – Jamie Hallas

Our Parliamentarian Hallas thanked students for attending and adjourned the meeting.