



# GSA

Graduate Student Association

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

**Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 3:00 pm**

Location: Sangren Hall, Room 1910

Late lunch was served at 2:45 pm

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – *Parliamentarian* – Robert Parsons
  - a. Parliamentarian Parsons welcomed everyone, briefly explained Roberts Rules of Order, and called the meeting to order.
- II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS** – *Parliamentarian* – Robert Parsons
  - a. The previous meeting minutes were approved by the graduate student body after two corrections.
  - b. The current meeting agenda was approved by the graduate student body two corrections were made.
- III. GRADUATE COLLEGE UPDATE** – *Dean of WMU Graduate College* – Dr. Christine Byrd-Jacobs
  - a. Dean Byrd-Jacobs provided information on updated graduate forms, most of which will be available to submit online, and all are updated with contact emails for specific staff in the graduate college. She also detailed the advantages of going to conferences and the grants available for doing so.
- IV. WELCOMING ADDRESS** – *President* – Craig Morris
  - a. President Morris conducted an ice breaker activity and shared GSA’s support to Breast Cancer Awareness month as the reason why we are wearing pink for this meeting.
- V. GSA ADVOCACY EFFORTS** – *Director of Advocacy & Legislative Affairs*– Eva Alvarez
  - a. Director of Advocacy & Legislative Affairs Alvarez discussed the legislative updates from the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students Summit in Washington DC.
  - b. Director of Advocacy & Legislative Affairs Alvarez called for any students that were interested in attending in legal meetings to reach out to her.
- VI. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** – *Director of Outreach* – Yolonda Lavender
  - a. Director of Outreach Lavender announced that volunteer representatives will be present at subsequent general assembly meetings.

- b. Director of Outreach Lavender called for suggestions for partnership for other potential outreach activities and announced that there has been no one to date on the outreach project suggested.
- VII. HILLTOP UPDATE** – *Director and Editor of Hilltop Review* – Alexander Hoffmann
- a. Director and Editor of Hilltop Review Hoffmann thanked everyone for their submission to the Hilltop Review, congratulated the editing team, and announced the projected publish date to be December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
  - b. Director and Editor of Hilltop Review Hoffmann called for reviewers in the area of cell development, political science, behavioral science, medieval history, and comparative methodologies.
- VIII. ICEBREAKER** – *Director of Events and Planning* – Allison Grime
- a. Director of Events and Planning Grime led an icebreaker activity and prizes were awarded to the winners.
- IX. 3-MIN THESIS COMPETITION** – *Director of Professional Development* – Kyra Katte
- a. Director of Professional Development Katte provided information on the upcoming 3MT Competition deadlines, called for submissions, and for any volunteers for the day of the competition.
  - b. Vice President Herhold gave an example of a 3MT presentation.
- X. GFAC AND FUNDING UPDATE** – *Vice President* – Claire Herhold
- a. Vice President Herhold announced the status of funding opportunities for graduate students.
  - a. Vice President Herhold reviewed the GSA Budget and clarified all items. Passed by all present.
- XI. SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE** – *Director of Public Relations* – Erika Whitehead
- a. Direction of Public Relations Whitehead called for graduate students to like/follow/subscribe to the various social media platforms.
  - b. Direction of Public Relations Whitehead called for videographer/photographer applicants.
- XII. OPEN FLOOR & GRADUATE STUDENT CONCERN UPDATES**
- a. Deana Hughes moved for the publication of all past and present monthly budget statements. Adam Bennett amended with beginning with this academic year but a release of last years records overall. Motion was seconded and passed by all present.
  - b. Parliamentarian Parsons gave information on the DSS Pilot Program for autonomous ride sharing and called for respect and responsibility for the program in the graduate student population.
- XIII. GSA EVENTS ON THE HORIZON** – *Director of Events and Planning* – Allison Grime
- a. Director of Events and Planning Grime gave information regarding the upcoming lunch and learn event.
- XIV. FUN ACTIVITY** – *Parliamentarian* – Robert Parsons
- a. Parliamentarian Parsons led graduate students in a get to know your E-Board activity.

- XV. ADJOURNMENT** – *Parliamentarian* – Robert Parsons
- a. Parliamentarian Parsons adjourned the meeting.