1. **CALL TO ORDER- Director of Legislative Affairs**: George Lluberes (3:00 PM)

2. **OPENING WELCOME**
   - Director of Legislative Affairs welcomed everyone to the October GSA General Body meeting

3. **PROCEDURAL ITEMS**
   Consent Items
   - Approve October Meeting Minutes
     - Motion to approve minutes
     - Resolved: Motion approved
   - Approve Current Agenda
     - Motion to approve Current Agenda
     - Resolved: Motion approved

4. **OPEN FLOOR**
   - **Question**: How can graduate student organizations set up bank accounts for that organization?
   - **Kate Bates responded**: Bank Accounts can be set up by going to Student Activities Office at 223 Bernhard Center and asking for a letter that recognizes your group as an official student organization. Take this letter to any bank and they will issue an EIN number. Then the organization itself will have a bank account associated with the group not with a specific person.

5. **OFFICERS REPORT**

   President – Damon Chambers
   - At the National Graduate Student Conference this year, the WMU GSA was named the #1 Graduate Student Association in the Country! The first Grad Talks were held last week. Attendance was low. We hope to see more graduate students at the Grad Talks event next semester. Also, this January we will hold elections for the new GSA Vice-President and Editor of the Hilltop Review. These are great positions with stipends and
everyone interested is encouraged to apply. See Applications on GSA website and previous email.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Held for recent sufferers of terrorist attacks around the world.

Vice President – Amaury Pineda

• The Vice President posted allotted finance distribution granted by GFAC. We received five applications for grant monies. October and November requests amounted to $12,000. Currently, we have $23,000 for applications this spring semester. Although we do not have a December meeting, if you would like to submit an application for this December, please do. If there are enough applications we will find time for a meeting.
• Current Applications available for review in the GFAC meeting minutes https://wmich.edu/gsa/calendar-activities
• Raffle held for three prizes

6. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

The Graduate Dean Update - Dr. Susan Stapleton

• Dr. Susan Stapleton opened conversation about Title 9. The Graduate College wants campus to be a safe environment where students feel comfortable report any incidences of Sexual Assault.
• Tomorrow WMU graduate students will be traveling to MSU to attend the regional fall conference for the alliance of graduate education.
• For those students who are interested in broadening their teaching skills, there is a weeklong teaching extensive held every year. Participants are also guaranteed a year with a teaching mentor.
• First floor of Walwood is now open. The graduate College hopes to move into this space and set-up a common space for graduate students. In order to raise money for the space, it is proposed that personalized wall plates can be hung in the hall for those who contribute funds.

Question from Rebecca Strapel: According to Title 9, As TAs we are now required to report anything a student comes forward to us about. Correct?
Answer: Yes, as a teacher you are a considered responsible employee of the University

SALP – Kate Bates

• Kate Bates is looking for graduate students to be representatives the Signature Steering Committee.
• The student assessment fee was increased last semester by vote of students. These funds have been allocated to the GSA and RSO. Email Kate Bates with any questions

Graduate Research and Retention - Marianna Di Pierro
• Marianna Di Pierro provided an overview for seeking funding though writing.

7. AMMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION
   a) Amendments to constitution are being proposed. The proposed amendments can be seen on GSA Website or via previous Email.
      • Motion to debate Amendments- George Lluberes
      • Resolution: No debate
      • Motion to vote for addition of these amendments- George Lluberes
      • Resolution: Motion Passed, 22 For, 0 Against, 5 Abstain

UPCOMING EVENTS
   b) Director of Outreach – Mr. Michael Bobbitt
      • Mr. Michael Bobbitt updated the floor with opportunities to get tickets for the Monaco Bay Dueling Piano Event, December 11th. The event starts at 7 PM. Further info available at GSA website if you would like to reserve a ticket to the event.
   c) Graduate Student Survey – Neil Deochand
      A Survey has been emailed from the GSA. Please fill it out so that we can help further our knowledge of graduate student specific needs.

8. AOB
   a) The Hilltop Review Fall Edition will be released December 18th. Submissions for the Spring Edition will open up December 18th – the end of January.
   b) Also December 18th, information will be sent providing details for applying for an E-board member position. E-board members receive a small stipend. All interested are encouraged to apply!

9. ADJOURNMENT(4:44PM)