1. CALL TO ORDER - Parliamentarian: Stephanie Goodman (3:20 PM)

2. ROLL CALL
   Organization representatives present:
   - Clinical Psychology Graduate Student Organization
   - Dominican Student Organization
   - Graduate Communication Organization
   - History Graduate Student Organization
   - Graduate Student Association of Philosophers
   - Indian Student Association
   - Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
   - Graduate Students of Comparative Religion
   - HESA Master Student Association
   - Industrial Organizational Graduate Student Association
   - Graduate Student of Color Organization

3. PROCEDURAL ITEMS
   Consent Items
   - Approve Current Agenda
     - Motion to approve current agenda
     - Resolved: Motion approved

4. OFFICER REPORTS
   a. President’s Update: Damon Chambers
      Mr. Chamber’s welcomes all attendees to this new school year. The GSA is continuing to work hard to advocate for graduate students. All graduate students should feel free to email Mr. Chambers with questions, concerns and/or changes they want made. He welcomes Dean Stapleton and Kate Bates (SALP) and Dr. Julie Apker (Grad fellow) to today’s meeting. He also introduced members of the E-board and Graduate Student Ambassadors. The GSA represents graduate students to the graduate department and to committees around campus. Please let us know if there is anything we can be doing to better serve you!

   b. Vice-President’s Update: Amaury Pineda
      - Amaury introduced our new roll call procedure. Group representatives
will receive a form with our stamp for attending meetings and the GSA will keep a copy of this form for record keeping.

- Amaury previews the projected GSA budget for the year. However this budget is only a projected budget and will be finalized and voted upon next meeting because the final count of enrolled RSO members is not yet known. Next meeting we will know how much money we have to derive the budget from. Those interested and concerned can see last year’s budget available on the GSA website.

Motion for approval of projected budget preview (not final budget).
- Vote: 46 for, 0 against
- Resolved: Motion approved

5. OPEN FLOOR GRADUATE STUDENTS CONCERNS

Princilla Ursery:

Students pay $300 for a parking pass to Parking Lot 12 for housing in Splender Hall, however, during football games students are required to move their cars or they are ticketed. Is there anything we can do?

- Damon Chamber’s suggestion:
  1. The GSA can write a motion explaining the situation if voted upon at a meeting.
  2. It’s a resource generation phenomenon, to take parking spots in division 1 football schools. Dr. Stapleton doesn’t think we have enough parking nor know if there is a clause within the parking pass contract that mentions spots are not accessible during football games. However, she can ask that there be a place for students to park during this time and a shuttle system. She can also bring this issue up to the Sports Board.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES
   a) Graduate Dean Update : Dr. Susan Stapleton

   The Graduate Department continues to advocate for graduate student needs. Dean Stapleton has recently been nominated to serve on the Council of Graduate Schools Distinguished Dissertation Awards Committee. Being a part of these committees, we are able to elevate the presence of are graduate students eligible at the regional and national levels. We also become more knowledgeable about whom our graduate peers are and what they are studying across the country.

   We now have data on interest in on-campus housing for graduate students and we have been talking to housing about how we can get graduate students housing and a common space. The unofficial plan is to move the graduate department to the first floor of Walwood which include office space for GSA officers and include a lounge and meeting space for graduate students.

   We have signed our first “domestic 3+2 agreement” for a feeder
institution with Dillard University. Students come here in their 4th year as an undergrad to begin graduate work. Once they have complete course work here they transfer back to finish undergraduate. We are looking at doing this with more colleges nationally and internationally.

b) SALP Update : Kate Bates
SALP staff has been busy working on student assessment fees. They recently organized and hosted Bronco Bash. If there are things your student organizations are struggling with, SALP can help! Visit SALP at their office at 223 Bernhard Center.

c) City Commissioner: Eric Cunningham
The City Commissioner’s goal is to make sure that WMU Graduate Students get the needed resources available in Kalamazoo. Graduate Students can reach Mr. Cunningham at Cunninghame@kalamazoocity.org

7. NEW BUSINESS
a) Upcoming Events – Mr. Michael Bobbitt
   • Events that have happened so far: Bronco Bash, Graduate Student Resource Fair.
   • Upcoming:
     1. Oct 24th - Homecoming Game- Broncos vs Miami football game
     2. Sunday, Nov. 1st at 3:00PM - Petal Punk Event (motorcycle steam punk) at Miller Auditorium.

b) Grad Talks – 3MT competition – Bob Agiro
Grad students are doing amazing things! They are developing skills and ideas that will determine our futures. We want to know what you are doing! Grad Talks will be a one slide, 3 min thesis competition. Our first competition is Friday November 6th! We are hoping to encourage a large audience. 5 students will win $500. Information available on the GSA website.

c) Hilltop Review - Rebecca Staple
The Hilltop Review is WMU’s review journal. This is a way for students to get their work out there. Just today 133 people have accessed the journal. The most read publication has been accessed close to 50,000 times. We also have cash prizes! We accept articles, creative writing and visual art pieces. We also look for graduate student reviewers. Please Submit! Submission information available at the hilltop review website.

d) TAU President – Kristie Bailey
One way we can advocate for each other is through student mental health. Currently, Sidcuse does not have mental health resources specific for
graduate students. This spring, Sindicuse will be providing a specific time and day to meet graduate students mental health needs, however, they would like to know what day graduate students would prefer. If you would like to suggest a day please email either Kristie Bailey or Amaury Pineda.

e) International Child Care- Angela Liriano
International Child Care (ICC) is non-profit organization that works in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. ICC has a hospital in Haiti and a number of different health programs. The ICC is offering fund-raising, volunteering and interning opportunities. If interested contact Angela@internationalchildcare.org

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)
   a) Geology girls are looking for other girls to hang out with!
      Contact: Catherine.a.dvork @wmich.edu

9. ADJOURNMENT(4:50PM)