



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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

Friday March 22, 2019 at 3:00 pm

Location: Lobby of Walwood Hall

Late lunch was served at 2:45 pm

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – *Parliamentarian* – Robert Parsons
 - a. Parliamentarian Parsons welcomed students to the meeting and informed them of procedural guidelines for the meeting.

- II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS** – *Parliamentarian* – Robert Parsons
 - a. The student body approved previous minutes.
 - b. The student body approved current agenda.

- III. CONFIRMATION OF PRESIDENT** – *President* – Amaury Pineda
 - a. Presidential Candidate Craig Morris gave a presentation on his values and plans if he were to be the Preside of the Graduate Student Association.
 - b. Craig Morris was approved by the student body as the incoming President.

- IV. ICEBREAKER** – *Director of Administration* – Tabitha DiBacco
 - a. Director of Administration DiBacco led the group in a fun activity and awarded prizes to the winners.

- V. SUSTAINABILITY GRANT** - Tania Dawson
 - a. Tania Dawson gave a presentation on her proposal to create covered bike racks on campus.
 - b. The student body voted to support the proposal.

- VI. MERGING OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS** – *Parliamentarian* – Robert Parsons
 - a. Parliamentarian Parsons gave a presentation on the merging of the bylaws into the constitution.
 - b. The study body voted to approve the new constitution.

- VII. ADVOCACY UPDATE** – *Director of Legislative Affairs & Advocacy* – Stephanie Haft
- a. Director of Legislative Affairs & Advocacy Haft gave an update on upcoming events for the spring semester and informed students of the need for volunteers for the Make a Difference Awards Banquet.
- VIII. EVENTS UPDATE** – *Director of Events* – Paola Hiciano
- a. Director of Events Hiciano gave updates on upcoming events for the Graduate Student Association.
- IX. OPEN FLOOR & GRADUATE STUDENT CONCERNS**
- a. Director of Legislative Affairs & Advocacy Haft informed students that there would be an upcoming meeting with Fred Upton
 - b. Graduate student Alishia Salyer announced that the Counseling RSO would be holding an event on April 5th to discuss refugee issues in 1710 Sangren Hall 1-4pm lunch provided
 - c. Vice President Morris announced that the
 - d. Graduate student Allison Grime announced upcoming graduate student listening sessions and handed out signup sheets for the events.
 - e. TAU President Herhold reminded students of the April 8th deadline to fill out a tuition remission waiver form for Summer I.
 - f. Parliamentarian Parsons announced that the graduate student honor society would be holding an induction ceremony this evening in 1710 Sangren Hall. Parliamentarian Parsons also announced that he would be doing a bake sale fundraiser next Tuesday for the Michigan Association for Blind Students.
- X. GRADUATE COLLEGE UPDATE** – *Dean* – Sue Stapleton
- XI. FUN ACTIVITY** – *President* – Amaury Pineda
- a. President Pineda led the students in a fun activity for Marvel movie tickets.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT** – *Parliamentarian* – Robert Parsons
- a. Parliamentarian Parsons adjourned the meeting.