January General Body Meeting Agenda
"All Graduate Students are Members Automatically"

Friday January 27th, 2017 @ 3pm
Location: Bernhard Center - Rooms 157-159
Late Lunch served at 2:45 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - Parliamentarian – George Lluberes

II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS
   a. Approved previous minutes as is written.
   b. Approved current agenda.

III. ICE BREAKER ACTIVITY
   Your position in your family, share advantages and why you think is the best one. The view range as the first, the second, the middle, the last, and the only child.

IV. 3MT Information – Director of Professional Development – A representative of the Professional Development Committee.
   Information about the next 3MT Grad Talks:
   • 3 minutes’ presentation about your research.
   • Prizes of $1,000 worth in scholarships.
   • Applications are due next Sunday, February 5th at 5 p.m.
   • Food will be provided.
   • It will be on Friday, March 10th from noon to 2 p.m. Room 2008 in Berhand Center. Students were encouraged graduate students to submit their research.
   • Something new: we will livestream the whole event. A link will be provided to allow family and friends to watch participants at home.
   • Flyers for this activity were pass out.
   • Any question sent an email in Grad Talks on the GSA web site.

V. Call for papers for Hilltop Review – Zahra Ameli
   • Hard copies of Hilltop Review were available, and for downloads go to ScholarWorks at WMU.
   • Dateline for submission is February 10th.
   • We accept articles, paper, paid writing, art works.
   • Questions about the policies, the rules can email.
   • There are prizes for the best articles will be $1,500 and also for the cover of the journal.
VI. **Upcoming GSA Events** – Vice-President-Amaury Pineda.

GSA Make a Difference award. April 7th, 2017. Radisson Hotel.

- It is a commemoration for Graduate students to recognize people around the university who has done an upstanding work helping graduate students besides their responsibilities.
- Nominations will require submitting an application on the GSA website. Highlight why this person deserves this nomination. e.g. assist you with homework, an individual who has done an upstanding work as a human being to a graduate student.
- Awards: A faculty, staff.
- Graduate students need to fill a form online to register for the event. One companion is allowed to participate with one graduate student.
- It will be a cash bar.
- Other oncoming events will be posted on the GSA web site.

VII. **Open Floor - Graduate Student Concerns**

- Grad scholarships applications: Applications need to be more inclusive for the question that requires gender.
- Purchase for health insurance for international students: The policies for purchasing health insurance are always changing making the process confusing. A request to make the health insurance registration process easier.
- Anthropology Department: The department was dissolved, and an institute will be created. It is an administration re-structure. More information will be provided during the semester.
- Request for a discount for Doctor’s assistants for the health insurance. Teacher assistants’ health insurance have a discount through the teacher assistant union.
- Policy to be part of GSA E-Board. There is a requirement to be a full-time student to apply for GSA E-Board member positions. Request to make the policy more inclusive; it should look more in the qualifications such as the GPA, look for the individuals. To be part of the GSA, you must pay a graduate student fee that is only charged to full-time graduate students.
- Any request to change the constitution can be made. The process is to send a resolution to the parliamentarian, and the discussion is open at the following meeting.
- Request to offer funding to travel to art conferences. Currently, the funding is only provided for academic conferences. To change the budget, any application can be proposed by graduate students and discuss at the following meeting.
- Students work 20 hours weekly on average. Some departments are creative in balance the average of hours of weekly work done by students.
VIII. Graduate Dean Update –
• Ambassadors program is opening applications. A two semester’s position with a budget of $1,000 per semester with an average of five hours weekly.
• Requirements for application: GPA 3.25.
• Photo shoes around campus. March 14th to 16th. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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• Student organizations registrations will be on March 23th at 5-7 p.m. Massages will be provided during the event.

IX. President’s Update – Damon Chambers
• Update in the Data Collection Grant. Application and procedures will be open on Monday 30th on the GSA website.
• Search for the new WMU president. Interviews will be on February 22-23th in Detroit.
• Search for the GSA president position: The dateline to apply is January 31th at 5 p.m.
• Search for the GSA E-Board members. A call for this positions will come out next week.
• AOB: none.

X. Adjournment. 4:31 p.m.