September General Body Meeting Minutes
"All Graduate Students are Members Automatically"

Friday September 23, 2016 @ 3pm
Location: Bernhard Center -Room 157-158
Late Lunch served at 2:45 pm

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

II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS
Parliamentarian – Mr. George Lluberes.
   - Mr. George Lluberes explained the Robert’s Rules of Order newly revised (11th Ed.).

b. Approve Current Agenda-George Lluberes
   -No objection or correction to agenda.
   -No debate.
   -Action Taken: agenda approved.

III. ICE BREAKER ACTIVITY-Director Events and Planning-Christina Collins.
   - Ms. Christina Collins introduced an activity that consisted of finding at least two people that you never seen before, and introduce yourself to them.
   - Raffle held for prizes.

IV. 3MT Presentation – Director of Professional Development – Thi Tran
   - Mr. Thi Tran announced that application for GradTalks are open. More details, here: https://wmich.edu/gsa/gradtalks

   - Last year GradTalks winner Ph.D. Candidate Sandino Vargas deliver his presentation to serve as an example.
V. **New Business**

a. **Approval of Budget**

Vice President – Amaury Pineda

- The Vice President apologized for a technical problem in the listserv that did not allow the GSA to send mass email inviting old graduate students to this GSA General Boding Meeting. The students that did not receive the email were the ones registered before Fall 2016.

- The Vice President introduced the proposed budget for 2016-17. The budget proposal has been posted in GSA web page. A copy paper of the budget was distributed to participants. The budget was presented, then the floor was open to debate the propose budget, and questions were asked.

- Vote for approving this budget- George Lluberes.

- Action taken: **Motion Passed with 42 for in favor.**

b. **Approval of cap increase for RSO funding Resolution.**

Vice President – Amaury Pineda

- This resolution aims to increase the even/operational expenses funding caps. The actual document can be downloaded here: [https://wmich.edu/gsa/legislative](https://wmich.edu/gsa/legislative)

- The floor was open to debate.

- Vote for approving the GFAC Resolution to improve the GFAC. George Lluberes

- Action taken: **approved Passed with 48 votes.**

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

President- Damon Chambers

- WMU President will be retired next year. GSA is representing you as graduate student in the committee to choose a new president. Any feedback is welcome, and could be sent to us by email.

- Concerns: Student Seibert Hall had problem during summer with parking space, Limit hours of the libraries, University housing contracts of one year and rent increased, Payment and parking issues, No WI-FI in some Elwood Departments.

- Announcement: Teacher assistant union are hosting a panel about student time adjustment that will be hold on October 14th.

VII. **Graduate Dean Update –**

SALP – Kate Bates
Kate Bates, welcome graduate students for this incoming year, and thank for participating in this meeting. Also, she explained SALP support to Graduates students.

VIII. Officer Reports
a. Hilltop Review Editor – Zahra Ameli
   • Mr. Zahra Ameli encourage graduate students to publish their research in the next Hilltop Review publication. She asked to support distribute flyers in the different department to encourage graduate students to participate before October 23rd, 2016. Visit us for more details: https://wmich.edu/gsa/hilltopreview

XI. AOB
a. E-Board Presentation
   President- Damon Chambers
   • GSA Board Members were introduced. Graduate students are encouraged to be an active member of any committee. Visit us for more info: https://wmich.edu/gsa/directory/executive

X. Adjournment (4:43PM)