March General Body Minutes
"All Graduate Students are Members Automatically"

Friday, March 23th, 2018 @ 3pm
Location: Fetzer Center 1040-1050
Late Lunch served at 2:45 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Parliamentarian – Stephanie Haft. 3:05 p.m.

II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS – Parliamentarian – Stephanie Haft
   a. The previous meeting minutes were approved as written.
   b. The current agenda was approved as written.

III. 2018-2019 E-BOARD CONFIRMATION – President – Amaury Pineda

   President Pineda presented the E-Board to be confirmed for the 2018-19 academic year.

   The General assembly approved the new E-Board members with no oppositions.

IV. 2018-1019 AMBASSADORS CONFIRMATION – Carson Leftwich

   Administrative Assistant from the Graduate College, Carson Leftwich presented the
   Graduate Ambassadors to be confirmed for the 2018-19 academic year. The GSA General
   assembly approved the Graduate Ambassadors with no oppositions.

V. “BREAK DOWN THE WORDS” ACTIVITY – President – Amaury Pineda
President Pineda conducted a fun activity in which students solved a jigsaw puzzle to put together the phrase “Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself” by John Dewey. The winners of the activity received tickets for “The Lion King” show in Miller Auditorium.

VI. HILLTOP JOURNAL – Acting Hilltop Editor – Damon Chambers

Acting Hilltop Editor – Damon Chambers encouraged graduate students to submit their papers for publication in the GSA Journal the Hilltop Review.

VII. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS – Director of Legislative Affairs & Advocacy – Damon Chambers

Director of Legislative Affairs & Advocacy – Damon Chambers reported on the GSA participation on Washington D.C. for the NAGPS 2018 Advocacy Summit and Legislative Action Days.

VIII. OPEN FLOOR & GRADUATE STUDENT CONCERN UPDATES

A student asked why there is not WMU bus stop to the Graduate College. This will be investigated by the GSA staff to provide an answer to the students as soon as possible.

Announcements’:

- International Festival will be on Sunday, March 25th at Bernhard Center starting at 4 p.m.
- African Festival will be on Saturday 31st at 6 pm.
- Drag Show will be on Saturday 24th at Bernhard Center.

IX. DEAN’S UPDATE – Christine Byrd-Jacobs
Administrative Assistant II from the Graduate College, Carson Leftwich reported on behalf of the Acting Dean, Dr. Christine Byrd-Jacobs.

Carson Leftwich encouraged graduate students to:

a) Participate in the research poster presentation day on April 12 from 9 to 1 p.m. in the Eastern Ballroom, Bernhard Center.

b) Visit the study space at the graduate college that is open from Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

X. GSA MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD – Director of Events – Craig Morris

Director of Events, Craig Morris:

a) The GSA Make a Difference Award ceremony (MADA):

   • Registration is open until March 23rd, 2018. This event will be held on Friday, April 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in Arcadia Ballroom, Radisson Plaza Hotel.

b) Other GSA Spring events:

   • Free massages will be on April 12th 11 -3 p.m. in the Brown & Gold Room, Bernhard Center.

   • Graduate students asked questions regarding the MADA event.

XI. NIGHT CRAWL – Parliamentarian – Stephanie Haft

Parliamentarian, Stephanie Haft encouraged graduate students to participate in the Night Crawls that will on March 23rd at 7 p.m. starting at 7 p.m. Visits will include Shakespeare’s Bub, Beer Exchange, and Bells Brewery.
XII. GUESS WHO OR WHAT ACTIVITY – President – Amaury Pineda

President Amaury Pineda conducted a fun activity in which graduate students had the opportunity to win tickets for “The Lion King” show in Miller.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Parliamentarian – Stephanie Haft 4:28 p.m.