

UA Little Rock Graduate Student Council  
November 8, 2017  
Ottenheimer Library, Room 509

## AGENDA

### **Welcome and Introductions**

- Sheila Speer, President GSA

### **Old Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- GSA tab for catalog
- Subcommittee report from each subcommittee
  - By-laws subcommittee report from meeting-Zach
    - (SEE NEXT PAGE)
  - Student Advocacy & Diversity-Brittney
  - Selection Committee-Brandon
    - adding a small fee to the research symposium held by the GSC next semester, as well as restricting prizes so only graduate students may win them
  - Finance-Venant
- Fundraising update?
- Homecoming participation?

### **Open Forum**

- Budget
- Constitution and By-Laws
- Travel Grants

### **Adjourn**

By laws committee:

The by-laws subcommittee met Thursday October 26 and discussed a few items to be discussed in a general GSC meeting. Below are brief descriptions of each item:

1. One of the responsibilities of the by-laws committee is ensuring that each college is represented in GSC. I believe we still need people from a couple of colleges, though I can't recall which ones. It might be worth discussing these vacancies at the next meeting and figuring out what can be done to fill those slots, or what we should do if we cannot fill them.
2. Article V Section 1 currently states that "Amendments to this constitution may be initiated by one-third vote of the GSA council or by petition from 100 enrolled University of Arkansas at Little Rock graduate students." We propose changing the required number of signatures from 100 to 25 given the difficulty in obtaining 100 signatures from the small group of graduate students here at UALR. Note that this is simply to initiate amendments--ratification would still require two-thirds vote of the GSA under Article V Section 2.
3. We discussed potential ways of eliminating bias within the selection committee for travel grants. We propose a new by-law stating that no selection committee member may apply for a travel grant in order to eliminate any bias.
4. Given the requirements for attendance at GSC meetings and the tendency of graduate students to travel for presentations and conferences, we propose that remote attendance be allowed using something like Skype or Google Hangouts if a council-member is unable to physically be present for a meeting.
5. Article III Section 4.3 lists the following meeting requirements for GSA College Senate: "Each college senate is required to meet monthly with its respective departments. The requirement of a quorum does not exist." We propose discussing if this requirement for GSA College Senate meetings should be relaxed.
6. We propose an amendment to allow committee meetings without quorum if the agenda consists only of topics that are on the agenda for all committees. The motivation for this is that, given the small size of our committees, if a single voting member is absent, the committee is unable to meet. We would like to discuss the ability of the committees to still hold meetings in this case, so long as there are no items for vote on the agenda--only discussion items known to all committees.