UA Little Rock Graduate Student Association Meeting

September 8, 2022

Google Meet

Minutes

**Members Present**

Christine Jones, Hongzhuo Lin, Megan Alexander, Seth Cook, Eunicia Esanu, Rebekah White, Joseph Asante, Imraul Emmeka, Erin Clement, Dr. Karen Kuralt, Mavis Forson, Divine Iloh,

**Members Absent**

Nahiyan Bin Noor, Michael Appiah Kubi, Bushra Sajid, Angelique Cooper, John Nsaman Mensah, Godwin Okeh, Ibrahim Oladele

**Welcome and Introductions**

* Meeting called to order at ­­­­1705 by Christine Jones.

**Old Business**

* None

**New Business**

* Welcome Back and presentation
  + <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1uCM35GK92FjcnaegZAznevQYKJ7MafjioGf4VeOkgJE/edit?usp=sharing>
* Swearing in of all officers
* Expectation: attendance to meetings, committee sign up
* Explain legislative processes
* Budget of $5000
* Constitution link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RmKHiOZRyZkoCMrkaWiqWqMSVSM5xBd6/view?usp=sharing>
* Diversity website: <https://ualr.edu/diversity/>
* Special Councils Sign-up sheet: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Pz2hK14TsOhh_EmQM0gnF6CscLreefuOPzzmhrCHnJY/edit#gid=0>
* Update on Faculty Senate and Grad Council:
  + Imraul grad council update: subcommittees. Biweekly meetings.
  + Dr. Kuralt: explain potential policy/set of procedure changes due to a conflict between a doctorate student with the advisor. Advisor had concerns with legal action and safety issues.
  + Christine faculty senate update: Christine will provide status report for GSA on16th at 1pm.
* Update on LULAC/Puerto Rico trip: was able to attend the convention
* ~~Motion to Suspend Election rules on the basis of needing electronic nominations and votes to count (Passed) ?? (passed this motion during last semester election)~~
* Vote on Bills: will need to decide on the budgeting, Imraul will research on the price for each item.

Tiffany L. Mcfadden-Kidd Communications and Recruitment Coordinator

<https://directory.ualr.edu/search?p=3717>

* + T-shirts: 2 size large left at GSA
  + Office supplies
  + Table Skirt Purchase
* Getting more involved on campus:
  + Participate in fairs, events, etc.
  + The alumni bbq at Baileys may be a good idea since some of our Graduate students are alumni – Rebekah will reach out
  + Want to start planning Graduate’s Graduation party now so we can advertise throughout the semester – ideas at next meeting
  + Do we want to purchase caps and gowns again this year – follow up with last year’s order
* Workshop series worked well last semester. Let’s try it again but hybrid? I feel we’d get more interest if we were face-to-face. ideas in the past – possible suggestions
  + **Workshop I**: Student Success Center Workshop: Tools available to students for success and how to access them? - Already approached about this topic and they said they’d be interested
  + **Workshop II**: Library Research Tools - I’ve already heard from the library to do this again
  + **Workshop III**: Dr. Kuralt or Dr. Heidi? Thesis Preparation?
  + **Workshop IV**: Career Services: The Interview Process
  + **Workshop V**: Communication Skill Center: Thesis/Portfolio Defense Preparation?

**Action items:**

* Christine:
  + Change typo on slide 6 in GSA swear in ppt: should read “Twenty (20) Senators”
  + share faculty senate meeting link to those interested in participating
  + follow up with last year’s order for caps and gowns
* Imraul:
  + Research on the cost of the items
* Nahiyan:
  + Treasurer will need to review budgeting
* Rebekah:
  + Reach out to alumni association about BBQ at Baileys
* All members:
  + Ideas for Graduate’s Graduation party

**Adjourn**

* Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_