

# Graduate Student Association Meeting

## Agenda

**February 11, 2020 / 5:00PM TO 6:00 PM / LIBRARY Room 535**

### Attendees

Natalie Snow, Cassidy Mitchell, Brandon Burdette, Rebekah White, Tracy Cook, Steve Jacobs, Jesse Horton, Dr. Karen Kurault

Online: Codi Blackmon, Quinshell Smith and Zack Jones

Absent: Bryce Jackson and Randi Latiolais

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#### Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Panel “Entering Academia” - questions- the paperwork for dining services is going in to Student Experience tomorrow to have Dr. Phillips sign (Wednesday February 11, 2020). **Natalie needs the questions for the faculty!!!!**
2. GSA provide lunches update- we have approximately 25 coupons left- Dr. Kurault is going to help with distributing the posters to department chairs and grad council- we discussed having another in March and April.
3. Open Position- Historian & Secretary- Codi moved positions- she is now the treasurer, Call for nominations for multiple positions- Rebekah was reelected as Social Media and PR
4. Swag for GSA- order for t-shirts is going through the procurement process. Pens and tote bags were sent back by procurement because of the color, order was resubmitted with a different colored tote, waiting to hear back.
5. SGA attendance & senators- Natalie told the group about the need for graduate student representation within the GSA- Meetings are Thursday at 3pm

#### New Business

6. Issues Graduate students would like to be brought forward to SGA-
  - not sure if this is the right avenue but a PhD student asked when you sign up for dissertation hours, where do your lab fees go?
  - Parking- what is being done to make parking safer and will there be ?
7. Senators for GSA- we had two new people join as a senator for each respective college- College of Business Tracy Cook and College of Social Sciences and Communication Jesse Horton

8. Update on committees- Bryce sent a committee update- see attached. No news from the Academic Integrity committee. Research Committee- Rebekah is unable to attend the meeting times, Quinshell is interested, I will notify Dr. Ruhl.
9. Additional lunch'n learn-4 additional panels were decided- Ideally, 30 students will be eligible for each lunch and learn. If there appears to be a strong reception and we know early enough we can increase the number of students.
  - Entering Industry- Brandon will take the lead on the event- he is going to contact Dr.Jones to see if they are interested. From this point a date will be set and other industry/private sector people will be asked. Once the date is confirmed we will explore other speakers. Natalie can ask a colleague at the Department of Youth Services.
  - Publishing- Before you submit your research article- Tracy is taking the lead on this panel. Once a date has been chosen, he will let Natalie know and I will follow up with the food order. Codi and Dr. Kuralt knows some suitable people as well.
  - CV vs Resume- Dr. Kuralt will be running the lunch and learn, she will give Natalie a date and the event will move forward.
  - How to pick a mentor- Dr. Rhodes from the CJ department has offered to run this event. Natalie will connect with her to set up a date.
10. Office update- office is being painted this weekend, wish list should be in next week as well.
11. Research Expo- call for presentations went out this week. We as a group need to work on the student choice awards- we need a cool name and we need a process for the judging. Natalie is in discussion with Dr. Berry on how this can work- will update when I know more. The judging categories are: Creative Work, Humanities, Service Work/Professional Application, Health Science, Social Science, Physical Science, Life Science, Computer/Info, Engineering/ET/CM, Interdisciplinary, Education, Economics & Social Work. **What if we added a undergrad award for future grad student**
12. Suicide Prevention Walk-sign up- keep signing up
13. Outreach of GSA- Rebekah and Natalie have gone to 9 classes, Codi attended 1. I am looking for someone to attend on Monday February 17. Natalie has two more classes February 12 and February 13.
14. Open Forum- Dr. Kuralt told us the Graduate Department is creating an orientation guide similar to the undergraduate program. She will be sending it to Natalie to send out to the GSA for their comments. AEL- was brought up- Natalie has asked Codi to look into and come back to GSA by the end of the month, Dr.Kuralt suggested we contacted Dr, Johanna Miller-Lewis, she used to run the program and she would probably be the best person to get some guidance on moving this issue forward.

**Next Meeting Wednesday February 26 5pm Ottenheimer Library room 535**

Update from committee: **Buildings and Grounds Committee**

**Buildings and Grounds Committee**

**February, 6 2020**

**12:30- 1:30 PM**

**Dickinson Hall Room 408**

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**I. Approval of December meeting minutes**

- **Approved**

**II. Update on Starbucks Project**

- **The plans for the construction of the Starbucks is moving forward.**
- **No monies will be coming from the schools budget when it comes to the construction of the Starbucks.**
- **Everyone in the Old Donaghey Student Union will be relocated to the old fine arts building.**
- **A purchase order has been placed (All the items needed to start construction)**
- **Hopefully the Starbucks will be opened by the end of August 2020 (Aug 21<sup>st</sup>).**
- **Pre-Construction will start on April 13<sup>th</sup>, and the full construction will begin after finals are completed.**

- 113,000 is coming out the Facilities management budget to help renovations for the old fine arts building.

### **III. Tau Beta Pi Bent- Andrew Wright**

- EIT has joined the National Engineering Honor Society (Very prestigious society). One of the two only universities in the state to be a part of this society. EIT is wanting approval of the location of a small status that represents the society's emblem (Key) that has already been punched by EIT from the society. The status will be placed in one of the two gardens that are in front of the EIT building. Original placement date for this was March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, but because of costs that needs to be renegotiated, it will have to be postponed to a later date.

### **IV. Resolution from Faculty Senate Ex. Cmte regarding major renovation schedule**

- There will be a draft written up by two of Buildings and Grounds Committee members and presented at the next meeting.