Graduate and Professional Student Council  
7:30 pm, Tuesday, October 7, 2014; Student Services Building #150

Minutes

I. Call Meeting to Order, Sign-in 7:30 pm, 17 members present

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes (from 8/26, 9/9 & 9/23) – agenda approved, minutes approved

III. Old Business – none

IV. New Business
   a. Fossil Fuel Divestment presentation & resolution – Patricia Walker spoke and presented a resolution that the GPSC will vote on at the next meeting.
   b. Graduate Assistants United presentation – Jim Podesva shared information about the GAU and what services they provide to GAs.

V. Officer & Committee Reports
   a. VP for Administrative Affairs, Patrick Hunn
      i. Budget Update - Approved
         1. Budget is down 5% from last year.
         2. Discussion of travel and event funding, suggestion to bring those down to $22,500 each from $25,000 last year.
         3. Suggestion to cut $1000 from Research award; suggestion to cut either the amount awarded per award or number of awards.
            a. Amount awarded per award reduction approved by GPSC.
         4. Revisit numbers in spring semester to look at budget and possible rebalance to allocate funds where needed.
      ii. Fee Allocation Board
         1. If any members know of future events that want event funding, bring those to the attention of the FAB so funds can be allocated.
      iii. Chancellor’s Executive Planning & Budget Committee
      iv. Dean of Students Advisory Board
   b. VP for Graduate School Affairs, Amanda Barnard
      i. Graduate Council Updates
         1. Research and creative activities week has been moved to first week of April.
         2. Discussions of cutting the GA budget for next year.
            a. Estimation of cutting about $30,000.
         3. Provost Ford corrected that the employment hours can go up over 20 hours per week for both undergrad and graduate students during intersession and summer break.
            a. This includes off campus work.
      ii. Student Insurance Task Force & Resolution
1. No updates

c. President, Matt Ryg
   i. GPSC Executive Committee Membership
      1. Last appeal for EC committee members.
   ii. Core Curriculum Advisory Representatives Committee (x1 vacancy)
      1. There is an interested party from rehab institute.
   iii. Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Business (x1 vacancy)
      1. Still have vacancy; someone interested but not appointed yet.
   iv. Vetting applications for the new Dean of the Graduate School.

VI. GPSC Representatives: Committee Updates
   a. Affirmative Action Advisory Committee – Barbara Wilas
   b. Chancellor’s Student Affairs Task Force – Brandon Woudenberg
      i. Information shared the Charge from the Chancellor for the Task Force.
      ii. All calls for anything that GPSC members would like shared at the Task Force. Email Brandon or the GPSC.
   c. Chancellor’s Constituency Heads – Brandon Woudenberg
   d. Honorary Degree & Distinguished Service Award – Brandon Woudenberg
   e. Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee – Brandon Woudenberg
   f. “It’s On Us” Student Task Force – Natalie Nash & Kaila Messer
   g. Library Affairs Advisory Board – Christian Allen
   h. Mass Transit Advisory Board – Andrew Gillespie
      i. Undergrad and Grad students pay for 96% of the transit budget.
      ii. Students not being able to ride the bus because the buses are overcrowded.
      iii. Transit budget frozen.
      iv. Bylaws are dated, and there is a position on the board within the bylaws for someone who is disabled. This position has been vacant for 30+ years.
         1. Andrew is going to talk to DSS to see if anyone is interested in this position.
      v. Rosario brought up issues about break schedule and some students do not get certain breaks (law and medical students) and rely on the buses that are not running.
   i. Naming University Facilities Committee – Brandon Woudenberg
   j. Night Safety Transit Advisory Board – Brandon Woudenberg
   k. Parking Advisory Committee – Brandon Woudenberg
   l. Student Center Advisory Board – Alexander Martin
   m. Traffic and Parking Committee – Quiana Jenkins

VII. Roundtable Discussion, Announcements
   a. GAU happy hour at 8pm at Pinch Penny Pub on Wednesday, October 7.

VIII. Adjournment