

## I. Old Business

- A. Approve minutes from September
  - a. Enma PardillaDelgado (*Psychology*): Move to approve
  - b. Janice Love (*Biology*): Seconds this motion
  - c. Matthew McEwen (*Sociology*): Seconds this motion
- B. Minutes are approved
- C. Second vote on the amendments to the constitution
  - a. Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President (*Physics*): asks who wasn't here. Explains second vote
  - b. Enma PardillaDelgado (*Psychology*): Moves to approve
  - c. Matthew McEwen: (*Sociology*): Seconds this motion
- D. Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President (*Physics*): Discussion, questions? No.
  - a. Reminder that chairs can't vote
  - b. Approved. No nays or abstentions.

## II. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Board Report
  - a. Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President (*Physics*): We met with Brian Flaherty about financial literacy workshop, topics, saving, debt repayment, retirement, & salary negotiation
  - b. Any questions or comments?
  - c. Ad Hoc committee on constitution and by-laws (reducing complexity of constitution).
  - d. Contact Bryant if you are interested in participating.
- B. Parking Update
  - a. Sean Vilanova, GSU Co-Vice President (*Chemistry & Biochemistry*):
    - i. explained Bulla lot new situation
    - ii. front half is for faculty & staff
    - iii. back half is for students, faculty & staff
- C. Academic Affairs
  - a. Michael Altenburger, Academic Affairs (*Theology*): We need a subcommittee meeting to compile a survey on all academic concerns.
  - b. UCAT and UCL wants feedback and are willing to help with funding things that we think are important (interest in discipline specific concerns).
  - c. 1.5 day seminar on how to work toward what tenure committees want
  - d. MA Global Affairs is a new program

- e. OnWard - undergraduates have implemented this platform to collect/curate concerns and possible solutions.

#### D. Healthcare

- a. Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President (*Physics*): Nicholas is not here.
  - i. He is still working with Q & A sessions
  - ii. Report stands

#### E. Professional Development

- a. Katie Button-Simons, Professional Development (*Biological Sciences*): Professional Development Expo with new venue. Will recommend next year.
  - i. Sign-in system/integration did not go well.
  - ii. Will work out kinks next year.
- b. Joshua Mason, Professional Development (*Biological Sciences*): 3MT(3 minute thesis) is starting at ND this year.
  - i. communication based competition with one static slide
  - ii. official for spring. Soft advertising in November
  - iii. October 29 - presentation to associate deans asking for support from all colleges.
- c. Jan-Feb, Grad School Professional Development team gives workshops for all grad students.
- d. March 16 - final in Mendoza. Cash prizes \$500 - \$1000
- e. Need a liaison within each college/division!!
- f. Enma PardillaDelgado (*Psychology*): Can the liaison also participate?
- g. Joshua Mason, Professional Development (*Biological Sciences*): No, because of time requirements. We can go back and discuss this.

#### F. Quality of Life

- a. Angel Matos, Quality of Life (*English*): GRC's trivia night was a great opportunity to share our projects.
- b. LGBTQ lunch series kicks off with those studying LGBTQ as part of their research.
- c. Coming Out open mike night at Legends
- d. Sayanty Roy, Quality of Life (*Biological Sciences*): Working on Grad student FOG Meijer shopping shuttle, University willing to run once per week. Now (we) need to decide on time/demand. Nathan at FOG has survey and will get results back within a month.

- e. Kristen Drahos, Quality of Life (*Theology*): Cooking classes are stalled right now.
  - i. They used to be run in a test kitchen. This is now gone.
  - ii. Chef Miller would love to teach these classes again, but they cannot find a venue.
  - iii. Off-Campus may be expensive. Working on solutions.
- f. Fitness: Grad student round table during Graduate Student Appreciation Week.
  - i. rent lockers
  - ii. nutrition classes
  - iii. more grad friendly gyms/classes
  - iv. would like to put together a survey to get them concrete data

#### G. Social

- a. Kristen Johnson, Social (*Chemistry & Biochemistry*): Game Watch was well attended. Approximately 85 people.
  - i. Event was open to public and ended up being free because of the change in time.
- b. Come to the Blaze Pizza (20%) fundraiser tomorrow! (Friday, October 16). Bring all of your friends!
- c. Two quick polls: Movie - *PhD Movie 1* - sort of like a dance movie
  - i. It's about \$800 to get the movie rights to watch
  - ii. You can go on-line and watch the trailer
  - iii. Show of hands, how many would be interested? Maybe a third to half raised hands

### III. Break-Out Sessions

#### IV. Open Discussion

- A. Brian Flaherty, (*Advisor & Director - Budget Operations, Dean's Office, Graduate School*)
  - a. Introduced himself and his position
  - b. explained that operations is 'people and structure'
  - c. addressed grad students to think about the kinds of things that would be helpful to them
  - d. wants students to know he and his office are here are resources
- B. Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President (*Physics*):
  - a. We want questions for Brian
  - b. Other announcements? There are none

c. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

C. Enma PardillaDelgado (*Psychology*): Yes

D. Matthew McEwen (*Sociology*): Seconds this motion

E. Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President (*Physics*): The meeting is adjourned