**Graduate Student Senate- General Assembly**

Friday, January 31, 2020, 3:00pm-5:00pm – Education 115

**Call to Order**

Called to Order at 3:07 pm

**Roll Call**

Quorum achieved!

**Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

Philosophy, MS, 2nd by History

All in favor

Motion Carries!

**Guest Speakers**

Director of Learning Commons – Travis Brown

* Available to grad students too
* Only help with the writing process and the Math/Stat related parts
* Use the Navigate Application (can be accessed on myBGSU)
* Don’t provide certification services

**Old/Unfinished Business**

* Funding of Professional Development is due tonight.
* Trivia night update – Successful

**New Business**

* SEC updates:

a.) Sarah Miller – new Chair of Environmental Chair

b.) Ivan resigned, Sajjad as the Interim Treasurer. Thoughts on having elections? Contact Robin (robinh@bgsu.edu), if they happen, March 6th will be the meeting for elections.

* New Resolution: GSS Award Resolution

1. Options to postpone if there are lingering questions
2. Motion carries – MBA, 2nd by Theatre and Film
3. Floor opens for discussions and questions
4. Moves to vote – Pop Culture MA, 2nd by Biological Sciences
5. Going by Majority vote – Favor – 35, Against – 0, Abstain – 1. The motion carries. Resolution passes.

* Election Process for 2020-2021

1. President will be elected first and if the candidate doesn’t get elected, then can apply to the other positions in hierarchy too. For President, need to be Senator for more than one semester, for VP, at least one semester and for other, don’t need prior GSS experience.
2. Applications will be up by Feb 28, March 1st – 1st round of nominations, have to be nominated in person. March 23rd – applications will close. March 27th – first voting. 5 mins will be given to address the Senate. May 1st – If positions are not filled then voting continues, transition will begin.

* Graduate Student Alternative Spring Break

1. Trip covering BG-Toledo-Detroit, Thursday, March 19
2. Contact Center for Public Impact for more details
3. Question, Robin – Number of students, Ans, 13, specifically for graduate students.
4. Question, Purpose? While doing all the activities will be talking about the impact or purpose behind them.

**Officer Reports**

* President:

3-minute Thesis

1. deadline extended by Monday, don’t need to have slides prepared, just have to commit to it, more details, bgsu.edu/3mt
2. Question – PhD, Communication Sciences – Dissertation winners were Americans (more fluent with the diction), MBA suggestion – Can pass the resolution specially for International student, a different category? Robin – feedback can be passed to the interim Dean presently absent in the meeting.

Karen Kelsky – Professors Inn, Consulting Agency, started a podcast, one-to-one consultancy services, RSVP, information is on the website.

* Vice President:

1. Board of Trustees GSS Rep Application:

Application dues by Feb 3, 2020, needs to be a resident of OH, should be in school from August 2020 to May 2022.

1. Shanklin Research Excellence Awards

Due by February 9, Paper will go to respective Dept. categories, good opportunity to get feedback on papers, Final two will make the presentation in the colloquiums.

Questions:

MBA and Economics – Where can they apply? Ans – On Canvas – Modules – Applications

Theatre and Film – Number of Applications received? Ans – Cannot share the information.

1. GSS Awards Applications

Outstanding International Graduate Student, can apply for the multiple awards too.

**Student Affairs**

* Jessica Puder – Graduate Student Issues, Dr. Russell currently working on the agenda, send suggestions or issues to [jpuder@bgsu.edu](mailto:jpuder@bgsu.edu)
* Representative at large – Check campus update for diversity feedback form of short survey, If feedback sessions for Diversity and Belonging attended, don’t need to fill the survey.
* International Student Affairs – Sajjad – IPP Office provided shuttle service once during the winter break to take Intl students to grocery stores, student support needed so that they can make it open to all students.

**Announcements**

* English MFA: Feb 27, Black Issues Conference, registration is open.
* Theatre and Film: Friday, February 28, presentation session on discussion on improving diversity in casting, Wolfe Center at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM.
* Media and Mass Communications PhD – Group of students hosting informative session on current acts being passed in India like NRC and CAA, Saturday at 4:00 PM, BA100.
* English MA, CCCC, promotes dialogue among different cultures, check website for the events
* Representative-at-large – BGSU Film Theatre will be screening three films, free, check website for more info.
* Ohio Academy of History, Conference, OSU, 8 Representatives from BGSU.

**Adjournment**

* Motion to adjourn: Human Movement and Sports, 2nd by History
* All in favor
* Adjourned at 4:07 PM