Graduate Student Senate General Assembly
Friday February 3, 2012
3:00-5:00pm
Gallery, McFall Center

Agenda

- Call to Order @ 3:01 P.M.
- Roll Call
- Guests:
  - Abby Priehs- Graduate Student Board Of Trustees Member
  - Introduced by GSS President Sleasman. Two student Trustees; Undergrad and Grad students, both appointed by the Governor of Ohio. Want to learn about the functioning of higher education? What types of decisions were Board of Trustees making.
  - Many trustees on the Board attended BGSU as undergrads
  - Asked to attend all BOT meetings
  - Happen two to three times a semester
  - Asked to participate in all commencement ceremonies
  - Liaison to one of the colleges on campus
  - Dean will ask you to come to some specific events in order to fill in the rest of the BOT on what is going on.
  - Required to attend various events on campus
  - Attend GSS executive committee meetings
  - Must be a full time enrolled graduate student and a resident of Ohio
  - Ryan Bronkema- Center for Teaching and Learning
    - Will discuss Teaching and Learning and Fair. Feb. 10 from 9 to 11 a.m. poster sessions and Undergrads and grad students will have a chance to present
  - Attendance is free and you can come and go as you please.
  - Todd Zacryzik will be speaking at 11:15 a.m. and at 2 p.m. on enhancing one’s academic potential
  - Will take place in the Union Ballroom along with all teaching and learning presentations
    - Abby Van Vlerah – Inclusion Network
      - Join a subcommittee to create systemic change in university community
- Six subcommittees: Artifacts/Physical Environment (spaces), Curriculums, Policies and Procedures, Student Retention, Faculty/Staff Retention, and Student Organization/Involvement

- **Any interested students should email Abby Van Vlerah**
  - Old Business
    - Constitution - Second Reading and Vote - Jeff
  - Half page is old election process and other half is the addition committee is desiring to add to the Constitution
  - Motion made and seconded to close 2nd reading of the legislation
  - Motion made and seconded to vote on the legislation
  - Legislation passes with 44 (Y), 0 (N), 2(A)
    - Shanklin Awards - Liane
  - Asking for flier for to be sent out to departments concerning Teaching and Learning Fair
  - Professional Development Day flier needs to be sent out, Thursday April 19th, 2012
  - Offered an explanation concerning the history of the Shanklin Awards and Shanklin Family

- **Online submissions are due February 22nd**
  - New Business
  - Multicultural Affairs Chair vacancy - Jeff
    - Engaging in multicultural affairs/diversity issues
  - Survey - David
    - Close to 600 students replied to the survey
    - In process of looking at data and will figure out how to define graduate education.
  - Chick-Fil-A - David
    - STILL being considered
    - Jill Carr is interested in finding students interested in discussing the issue of whether or not Chick Fil-A should be removed from the list of finalists for Wendy's replacement
    - Still trying to figure out who the three restaurants will be
  - Senate Executive Committee Reports
    - President - David Sleasman
      - Hockey Social for Graduate Students. FREE TO ATTEND. @ the Hockey Arena 2/24 5:30
      - GSS hosting students from FIU @ Beckett's Hosting March 11th 7-9 p.m.
  - Retention numbers
    - *Current Retention Numbers*

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Fall 11 to Fall 12 – went down 13.1%
Spring 11 to Spring 12 – went down 9.2%
GSS-SEC is asking the admin the following:
"Why are these numbers going down?"
"Has there been any reaching out to find out why these students have left?"
"Are there numbers going further back?"

- Graduate Strategic Plan
  Met with President Mazey and she’s excited about the strategic plan
  o Vice- President - Jeff Larocque
    -BOT Committee
    - More open committees (Graduate Student Orientation, Efficiency Task Force, Homecoming Committee; next meeting is February 7th)
  o Academic Affairs Representative- J.R. Ratliff
  o Treasurer- Christina Wright
    - Budget
    Two changes were made to next year’s submitted budget, Diversity Awards to be presented at Shanklin Awards
    - Funding
  o Secretary/GAR- Jared Brown
    - Make sure to have student representatives remember their times for SBC hearings
  o Student Affairs Chair- Sherry Early
  o Multicultural Affairs Chair
  o International Student Affairs Chair- Anton Petrov
    - Forwarded questions regarding health insurance to Dick Sipp
    - Wants to meet with SEC first in order to field concerns on February 24th
  o Professional Development Co-Chairs- Jennifer Krull : Liane Ortis
  o Representatives-at-Large- Lingxiao Ge : Aaron Davis

- Issues and Concerns
  - Someone went to Stroh Center and was required to enter through student entrance and was denied entry through main entrance, meeting to address this concern

- Announcements: Next Meeting- February 17th

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