Graduate Student Senate

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**Graduate Student Senate General Assembly**

**Friday, April 12, 2013**

**3:00-5:00pm**

**223 Olscamp**

**Minutes**

* Vice President Jeff Larocque called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.
* Roll Call
  + 50 senators in attendance; a quorum is present
  + It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 29 meeting; motion carries.
* Guests
  + Vice President of Finance Sherri Stoll
    - Ms. Stoll shared with the GA the rationale and implications of the new State Share of Instruction (SSI) model. Ms. Stoll stated that the institution is posed to lose from $3-7 million each year for the next two years.
    - Ms. Stoll emphasized that graduate student tuition will not be increased for next year; however, it is likely that general fees will see a slight increase.
* Old Business
* Shanklin Awards
  + Professional Development Chair Elizabeth Witter reminded the GA of the upcoming Shanklin Colloquium and banquet. Elizabeth also asked for volunteers to serve as judges.
* Proposed changes to the GSS Constitution /Vote
  + Vice President Jeff Larocque…
* Regalia Vote- A, B, or C
  + It was moved and seconded to vote on recommending Option A to the university administration as the rental option.
  + Motion carries: 28 yes, 13 no, 8 abstentions
* New Business
  + Elections
    - Vice President Jeff Larocque…
  + Social Media Incident
    - President David Sleasman informed the GA of recent the recent Twitter incidents involving racist comments. He shared two upcoming forums on the Not In Our Town Campaign to be held 4/17 at 7 pm in Olscamp 111 and on 4/23 at 6:30 pm in Olscamp 115.
  + Next GA/Transition
    - President David Sleasman…
  + De-registration/Bursar Billing
    - President David Sleasman…
  + Professional Development Funding
    - Treasurer Michael Salitrynski…
  + Regalia scholarship resolution
    - Academic Affairs Chair Christina Wright-Fields presented a resolution to create a scholarship fund that will provide funds to graduate students who cannot afford the cost of commencement regalia.
    - Concerns were raised that the resolution was providing this opportunity to one graduate student from each college. A suggestion was made to distribute the awards based on graduate student population within each college.
    - An additional suggestion was made to include language that emphasized this opportunity was in place for all three commencement ceremonies, not only the May date.
  + Dining Services Policy
    - President David Sleasman…
* Senate Executive Committee Reports
* Postponed to April 26 meeting
* Issues and Concerns
* Announcements
* Shanklins- April 18th!!!!!!!
* Next Meeting is April 26- Formal Pinning Ceremony