Graduate Student Senate

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**Graduate Student Senate General Assembly**

**Friday, April 26, 2013**

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

**Gallery- McFall**

**Minutes**

* Vice President Jeff Larocque called to order at 3:05 pm.
* Roll Call
  + 44 senators in attendance; a quorum is present.
  + It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 12 meeting; motion carries.
* Guests
* Old Business
* Shanklin Awards
  + Professional Development Chair Elizabeth Witter shared that the Shanklins went very smoothly this year. She also offered her thanks to those that presented or judged this year.
* Regalia Resolution
  + Academic Affairs Chair Christina Wright-Fields shared the updated draft of the Regalia Rental Scholarship legislation.
  + HIED motioned to vote to approve the legislation, seconded by German.
    - Motion carries: 47 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.
* Elections
  + Nomination for Liz Yale for the position of Secretary, seconded by HIED.
    - 46 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
* NIOT Pledge
  + President David Sleasman presented information about the Not in Our Town forums that have been held over the last 2 weeks.
  + David distributed the NIOT pledge cards for senators to consider signing.
* New Business
  + Professional Development Funding
    - Treasurer Michael Salitrynski updated the GA that the budget has been closed for this fiscal year.
    - Professional Development funds for the summer have been distributed. The awards were $140 for attendees and $160 for presenters.
  + 2012-13 Vice President Jeff Larocque invited 2013-14 Vice President Martha Schaffer to the podium in order to share changes to the senate seating for next year.
    - Biology and Chemistry will move from 2 to 1 senator.
    - School of Teaching & Learning will move from 3 to 2 senators.
    - Business Administration will move from 1 to 2 senators.
  + President David Sleasman and Vice President Jeff Larocque presented certificates of appreciation to each senator.
  + Formal Pinning of 2013-14 Senate Executive Committee
    - President: Lingxiao Ge pinned by David Sleasman
    - Vice President: Martha Schaffer pinned by Jeff Larocque
    - Academic Affairs Chair: Rachel Robinson pinned by Christina Wright-Fields
    - Student Affairs Rep: Erin Baker pinned by Sherry Early
    - Secretary: Liz Yale (not present)
    - Treasurer: Michael Salitrynski pinned by Lingxiao Ge
    - Representatives-at-Large: Elizabeth Witter and Ryan Wright pinned by Erin Baker
    - Professional Development Chair: Arpan Yagnik pinned by Elizabeth Witter
    - Social Chair: Amy ?? pinned by Whitney Begue
    - Publicity Chair: Christopher Thomas pinned by Lingxiao Ge
    - Multicultural Affairs Chair: ?? pinned by Lingxiao Ge
    - International Student Affairs Chair: Jigar Patel pinned by Lingxiao Ge
* Announcements
  + Please like the GSS Facebook page!
* 2012-13 Vice President Jeff Larocque passed the gavel to 2013-14 Vice President Martha Schaffer.
* Issues and Concerns
  + President Lingxiao Ge shared an update to the student health insurance cost. The annual fee will increase from $1341 to $1581. Paula Chaney also shared that there will be approximately 65 parking spots at the new health center.
  + Tonight at 7PM in the union room 206, the German Drama club will be performing a German play.
  + Indian Concert tonight at 7PM.
* It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting; meeting adjourned at 4:13