Graduate Student Senate

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**Graduate Student Senate General Assembly**

**Friday, September 6, 2013**

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

**Gallery- McFall**

**Agenda**

· Call to Order

o Martha called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm.

· Welcome to New Senators – Martha Schaffer

· Roll Call

o Departments and organizations asked to talk to Martha after GA if we do not yet know who their senators are or if names are incorrect or mispronounced.

· Guests

o Dr. Margaret Booth, Associate Dean of the Grad College

§ Dr. Booth welcomed GSS to a new year. Dr. Booth reminded students that they are officially housed in the Graduate College and that the Graduate College is a resource and serves to advocate for graduate students.

§ The Academic Agenda is a new weekly e-newsletter for the graduate community noting events, announcements, and impending college due dates.

o Ms. Deb Busdecker, Director of Operations for the Falcon Health Center

§ Ms. Busdecker explained that the Falcon Health Center is complete and is now open. The website for it is up; it provides information about the people who work at the new Health Center. Explained the importance of setting up an online patient portal to connect to the Falcon Health Center. To get it, students need to go to the Health Center to get a password and then log-in online. Services will now include co-pays, which must be paid immediately. There will be fees for missed appointments that are not cancelled. Students will be billed through Wood County Hospital not the university.

o Dr. Nicholas Espinoza, Medical Director of the Falcon Health Center

§ Dr. Espinoza encourages students to ask questions about expenses at the Health Center and about their care. They will work with students to coordinate with their insurance providers.

· Officers Reports

o Professional Development Chair – Arpan Yagnik

§ The GSS Forums: “I Stand” forum today was focused on dealing with micro-aggressions in our society. Next forum is October 2nd, 11AM-12:30 Union Theater, and it is a ziggy point event (go online to find out more about). It will be about thinking out of the box in your research. The speaker will be Dr. Brown.

§ NIOT Presentation (Banner): Not in Our Town, a program to celebrate diversity at BG. Senators can contact Arpan if they have questions or want to be involved. The GA recited the Our Town Commitment.

o Treasurer – Mike Salitrynski

§ Professional Development Funds

- Activity date range: Aug. 19-Jan.13

- Application Deadline: September 20

- Make sure to attend the GA so students in your department can be awarded FPD

o President – Lingxiao Ge

§ Student Health Insurance (2013-2014): The new explanation of benefits offers a concise picture of the benefit coverage. Senators should share this information with their departments.

§ Clean Air & Smoking Policy: The website should be up soon designating which parking lots students may smoke in still.

· Committee reports

o Martha will assign committees over the next three weeks and will bring a list to the next GA.

· Old Business

· New Business

o Regalia Rental Award

§ Lingxiao asked the GA to read the award and then called for a vote on it. The GA vote was unanimous to amend the scholarship to become the Regalia Award.

o Campus Fest (11am-3pm, Thursday Sept 12th, 2013): All campus organizations will be present and senators are encouraged to attend and volunteer to help out.

Volunteers needed:

§ At the table 11 - 12

§ At the table 12 – 1

§ At the table 1-2

§ At the table 2-3

· Robert’s Rule of Order 101 – Martha Schaffer

o Martha presented on Robert’s Rules of Order. The presentation will be available online and Martha will send it to all senators as well. The presentations explains the rights and obligations of senators. Attendance is very important. Senators who cannot attend must send a proxy. Senators should deliver information from the GA to their departments including dates for events, FPD information, votes, and briefs from presenters.

o GA attendance Policy

· Issues and Concerns

o None were raised this meeting.

· Announcements

o Next GA: September 20, 2013, 3-5pm, McFall Gallery

o Grad Night: 6-8pm, Thursday, September 12, 2013, Black Swamp Pub (Student Union): This will be open to all grad students and will be a bi-weekly event.

o Sept 20th. Stone’s Throw at 5:30 for a GSS event (right after the 2nd GA). It’s open to all grad students

o Black Swamp Festival shuttles are provided from BG to downtown.

o Saturday study sessions on the 7th floor of the library on September 14th 10AM-3PM.

o Women’s center programs are available, forums every Wednesday at noon, and there’s more information to be found online.

o Sociology forums are available. More information can be found online.

· Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:44PM