

E-Board Minutes for February 13th, 2017

President (Will Lytle):

- a. GRC- If you have availability during the GRC be at the event and wear your name tag.
- b. Contact USG and ask who owns the body barn shed because there needs to be work done on the shed.
- c. Will needs to check the mailbox in the MUB.
- d. Will is going to post office hours on the door and Muralee will post them online.
- e. Discretionary funding- should we set up funding like USG were anyone can request within a two week period for the entire year. If we did this we would need a subset of GSG. This is something to think about.
- f. Board of Trustees meeting in two weeks. If there is an important issue that you think needs to be discussed send an email to Will before Wednesday Feb. 15th. One issue was that the SDC is not open during the weekends so students have to go to the hospital.
- g. Unity March had about 250 people attend and the president spoke at the event. We do not know what the next step is from the university. A state representative sent a message to be shared at the event.
- h. Winter Carnival Chilli Run went great!
- i. Alumni Board of Directors meeting had a GSG presentation. The alumni were very responsive and seem willing to help.
- j. Will has sent emails out for volunteers for Dean search committees, etc.
- k. Ambassador Scholarship- there are concerns tha

Vice- President (Justin Zhang):

- l. Finalized the survey results: It was found that advertisements should be improved for events (PR Committee). Committees should meet more than once (Ways and Means). Committee members should distribute tasks based on the skills of the members (Social). Most representatives feel they have fulfilled their duties as a GSG representative. Least attended event was the Quincy Mine Tour. Lunch N' Learns are not well attended. No representatives wanted to change committees. There was a comment that a general meeting should not exceed one hour. Secretary can determine time limits for elections. It was suggested that the EBoard needs to attend as many events as possible. In the comments there was a concern that not all of the issues that international students have are being addressed by GSG.
- m. There needs to be a more visible anonymous form online and we need to have a mailbox.
- n. Justin will send names for Housing to Syed. A contract has to be created along with a video.
- o. Softball- start sending an email out for this
- p. Send an email following up on insurance. The Provost said they are working on a deal so graduate students don't have to pay the full amount.

Secretary (Jenny Dunn):

- a. Elections- Look at elections information and start announcing dates
- b. Meet and Greets- There are a lot of departments that haven't held meet and greets yet so it will be announced at the next general meeting.
- c. Voting to suspend- Mustafa Aggul (Send him an email and if we don't hear back then vote to kick out.)
- d. Set time limits for elections and share with E-board.

Treasurer (Ulises Gracida Alvarez):

- a. Tyler will send Ulises a list of departments that said they would donate for the GRC so he can contact to request money.
- b. Received a request from the Iranian community and the African Community will send a request as well. Ulises wanted to know if we could have two requests at the next general GSG meeting. They will be limited to presenting (5-7 minutes) and answering questions (3 minutes). This presentation must be sent to Ulises by Friday. They should discuss their budget and how their event benefits graduate students.
- c. Criteria for the travel grants does not have to be approved by the general GSG.
- d. Will Lytle had a question of when the softball budget becomes available so we can order balls before the season starts.
- e. The budget will be ready for the last meeting in March.

Academic Chair (Tyler Capek):

- a. We have had a few individuals pull out of the GRC, but otherwise everything is ready to go. Abstract booklets have been printed (50 booklets). Abstract booklets will be at the registration table. Tyler wanted to know if there were any handouts that needed to be taken to the MUB to handout at the GRC. An email will be sent out tomorrow to representatives to remind them about the GRC. Tyler is borrowing the credit card to get gift certificates for judges and awards. Tyler and Muralee used the index to print stuff for GRC. All the award winners were notified about attending the banquet.

Social Chair (Syed Ahmed Fuad):

- a. Movie Night- Captain Fantastic will be on Feb. 24th. The discussion will be hosted by Will Lytle and Melissa Michaelson. A dinner will be hosted afterwards for roughly 150 students. The rights only allow for a one time screening in Houghton. After this screening Apollo 13 will also be shown and hosted with other organizations. The event is free for everyone to attend. Film Board might still charge for undergrads, so Syed will request that they do not charge for the first movie. The dinner will most likely be held in Fisher. The first movie is at 5:30pm, followed by a 45 min discussion. Then dinner will be hosted for 45min and a second movie will start at 9pm. There were concerns that the dinner time is late for most students on a Friday afternoon. Suggestions were provided to possibly move it to Saturday because the schedule seems long for a Friday. Online comments session was also provided to help lead discussion afterwards. The film board will provide Syed with the posters and there will be separate posters from GSG. Posters need to be sent to Muralee by this Thursday Feb. 16th. To be printed and posted around campus.

Public Relations Chair (Muralee Menon):

- a. GRC- Posters were put up at: Jim's, MUB, Rosza, SDC, Pat's Foods, Co-op, Finlandia, Econo, Mineral Museum, Kiosk. There are a few left to put up on campus in graduate student lounges or department bulletin boards. The posters are up on the electronic screens. Information has been sent to the local media via Jennifer Donovan. Allison Mills offered a space to do the onscriptor and write a blog on the GRC. The blog will be up tomorrow or Wednesday on unscriptor. Tech today will have a reminder on wednesday. The radio interview was aired on Sunday and Monday mornings (2/ 12 and 2/13). Tyler, Rupsa, and Muralee did the radio presentation. Muralee has not heard anything from TV media yet about the GRC. GRC website has been updated. It was suggested that we contact the University photographer to be at the GRC. the UMC team will be live tweeting about the GRC on the university twitter account. It was also suggested to put up posters in the dorms.

Advisor (Dr. Murthy):

- a. Graduate Student Emergency Funds- Interest free short term loan. Trying to figure out the logistics and guidelines for the emergency funds. Once these are set-up then they plan to allow applications. One student will serve on the committee. They have looked at examples from other universities. People are interested in fundraising and donating, but then being able to write it off on their taxes. Two funds, one is a short term loan and one is a grant. The grant would be fundraised when there is a specific need.

Meeting ended: 6:49pm

***** After the general meeting on Feb. 20th, the E-board voted to place Patrick Hufnagel and Akhila Reddy Gorantla on 15 day probation for not holding a meet & greet for this academic year. If they do not host the event prior to March 7th, or set a meeting for right after spring break (week 13), the e-board will then vote on whether to suspend the departmental representatives listed above.**