

E-Board Minutes for February 27th, 2017

President (Will Lytle):

- a. Joshua Marshall has been posting posters around campus on how the university is spending tuition money. USG has responded to the posters and the university has taken some of the posters down. We aren't sure what his next steps are, but it is something that GSG should know about for the future. Certain eboard members are concerned that he is acting out of line and it might harm the credibility and power of GSG in the future to make forward progress with the university. Will will discuss with him his strategy for this moving forward.
- b. Ronald Dept Rep from School of Technology- Will and Jenny met with him and found out about a problem with an incoming student from Ghana. We are working with Jacque to see if he can be reimbursed for this. Also, we are concerned about the student from Nigeria who are scraping by with funds and may need more support from the university that the university is not providing. If they are on an J1 they cannot work; F1 can only work on campus. Will has emailed Jacque and Rob Bishop to discuss what the next steps may be. There is a concern that this should be reported to police services ASAP so that Ronald would not be considered aiding in any fraudulent charges or crimes in the future.
- c. Indigenous Peoples Campaign- The group wants to advertise that GSG accepted the resolution. Will responded that it is public information and they can do what they want with this. Will wanted to know if GSG want to advertise this at all or leave it up to the group. We could post this on our web page in the section titled resources for graduate students. Or there was a suggestion to put it next to the agenda and minutes.
- d. Sustainability- Will has a meeting with Hossain to work with dining services about getting excess food. The hope is not change infrastructure at all and not move from the dining services. There will be some staffing required for serving food and swiping IDs. The other question is whether HuskyFan is a part of this discussion. There was a discussion that dining services would have to hire someone to run this program. There are a lot of logistics to be worked out and there was a suggestion to create a liaison position for this program. It may be that we need to add this as a task for both the sustainability and huskyfan liaisons.
- e. Cultural Event Place- meeting wednesday
- f. Body Barn- Our storage doesn't have electricity. The barn is rented out by the SDC. The softball thing is owned by SDC so we will contact them about maintenance or buying it outright.
- g. Sustainability- it was suggested that GSG create several sustainability proposals for next year
- h. Smoking area- the university is looking into why they didn't create a smoking area. Also, it is the first thing individuals see when they come to the admissions building.

- i. Emails- Will forward the ronald, josh, and indiginous peoples emails to the e-board. If we have long emails like this save them to the Google drive

Vice- President (Justin Zhang):

- a. Bike pump stations- The university will be removing the bicycle pump stations and instead putting pumps at the library, dorms, and OAP to be checked out. The follow up question would be can they put up signs to let people know where they can get them and can anyone check them out? We might need to find out if there is a new biking group who can tackle this issue. The bike lane plan got shot down as well. We should suggest relocation of bike pumps, so either maintain or build the structure. It was suggested that they put up signs at each of the stations. We suggest that they collect data on use before they remove them.
- b. Google Drive- We need to organize the google drive for each officers folder. We need to add this to the responsibilities for each officer in the bylaws. Maybe we could create a position called historian. We should look into upgrading computers and getting funding from the grad school for the computers. We could look into buying access to the labs in Walker that have lots of products the PR committee could use.
- c. Card Reader- We haven't followed up on this because we would always have a middle man. We can test this out at any event that we want. If we want to do this we can. We would pay \$300 every two years and take a half hour to get the information we want. It was suggested that we hold off on this because it may be a waste of money.

Secretary (Jenny Dunn):

- a. Add people to the elections
- b. Probation-
- c. We should look into representing postdocs and research scientists or getting input from them
- d. Create a new email ID that all department representatives have to CC when they send out their department bylaws. Try it and then write it in the bylaws.

Treasurer (Ulises Gracida Alvarez):

- a. Travel Grants- 44 presenting and 21 attending. We have a lot of money left from the summer. We can only accept 5 attending according to the bylaws. Can we vote to suspend the bylaw. Open a new application for those who applied in the fall who did not get it to reapply. We will vote on this online and Ulises will create a doodle poll. We need 26 people to vote yes to suspend. Muralee will help with this.
- b. We need to discussion of suspension of bylaws in next meeting

Academic Chair (Tyler Capek):

- a. Setting up a lunch n' learn with the library

Social Chair (Syed Ahmed Fuad):

- a. Movie Night- There were concerns from the social committee about the publicity of the event. The committee is concerned that the events are not being publicized in the department. Syed needs to send Will an email for the next event asking them to send an email out to the graduate students about the event. If we get a report that departments are not getting emails from their reps then we need to talk with the representatives and put them on probation.
- b. Posters are not being seen on campus.

Public Relations Chair (Muralee Menon):

- a. Updated the winners for GRC on the website.
- b. Sent photos to Jill and she will post them on the website. Jill also asked for input on the website.
- c. Anonymous feedback form needs to be moved to the front of the website.
- d. Working with Allison Mills to setup a PR thing from GSG on Unscripted.
- e. Check where they get the link for the Meet & Greet if Jenny gets another email.

Advisor (Dr. Murthy):

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.**