GSA Meeting Agenda
January 27, 2015
Meeting: 6:00 pm
Food: 5:45 pm
215 Tate Hall.

I. Call to Order – by Angela Uriyo (Vice President)
II. Approval of November Minutes (attached)
III. New Officer introductions
IV. Representative introductions (Name, Department; please be brief)
V. GSA: Who are we?
VI. Officer Reports
   a. Treasurer
      ▪ September 15 to December 14 travel grants awarded
      ▪ Travel Grants deadline.
      ▪ New modalities for travel grant eligibility.
   b. Public Relations Officer/Webmaster
      ▪ GSA Website Status update.
      ▪ Social Media: Please “like” us on Facebook and invite students in your department to “like” us as well. “Follow” us on Twitter.
      ▪ Twitter (@MizzouGSA), Facebook (MU Graduate Student Association)
      ▪ New programming: Yoga Session/Meditative Session/Wellness for Grad students.
   c. Secretary
      ▪ Please sign in! New and Old representatives.
      ▪ E-Form will be sent out to reps, please check permissions and your junk folder.
      ▪ Please state your name and department when you participate in the meetings.
      ▪ Food allergies, preferences, etc.
      ▪ New Mail box address to be sent out.
      ▪ Membership Committee.
   d. Vice President
      ▪ Awards Banquet
         ▪ Nominations coming up soon
         ▪ Representatives’ ideas for awards.
         ▪ New modalities for award/nominations eligibility.
   e. President
      ▪ What are GFS, GPC, and GSA? What does each do?
      ▪ GSA projections for the coming year.
• Debrief on RESPOND Training and relevance to grad students (Imposter Syndrome)
  Our overall goal is to address the functions that are under our purview as an organization, we are determined to analyze our collective grasp and understanding of the GSA. Hence the e-form.
  - Five (5) key areas of emphasis (Long and short term)
  - Wellness and health of grad students is paramount, RESPOND program: Training is really important (due to personal experience) for grad students (due to academic and personal stress and mental wellbeing) to attend and participate in this training and for themselves and those whom they instruct. http://respond.missouri.edu
  - Stress management – The Imposter Syndrome, a phenomenon experienced by grad students. Should be addressed as a factor of wellbeing for increased performance.
  - Diversity & Inclusion – How can we be more engaged with our international students? We need to be more of an assisting body to the concepts of inclusion and the beauty of diversity, especially with the International Student Center.
  - Professional development – This area is paramount, programs are in the works towards this, including CV Docs (twice a year), Coffee hours, Seminars, Professional development fora.
  - Membership – we want to increase and include, based on the efforts of the last Exec board. Ideas about how to increase membership is a valid way to go.
  - Constitutional Crisis – we are not going by the letter of the constitution we have now, need for a Constitution Committee for reviews and amendments
  - Branding and Rebranding – What is GSA to you? Need for an Elevator Speech. We need to be able to publicize ourselves to the entire University Committee.
  - Update from GFS meeting: Vote to approve increasing grad admission fee due to ‘financial constraints’. AmeriCorps and Peace Corps not included in the waiver for admission fee, a cause for concern. Talk of increasing the TOEFL standards, concern that the entry minimum is too low. New graduate certification and college certification online, supposed to be interdisciplinary too.
  - John Garner - Was that voted to be constructed or made available?
  - Stan Maxson - How long is that active for, considering there is a need for departmental input? It spans an entire month (Secretary)
Bethanie Barnes - Any update on grad student bill of rights? Ken- The language is still being adjusted, and input is still being accepted. More information at next meeting after consultation with Maxwell Philbrook.

VII. Old Business
NONE

VIII. New Business
NONE

IX. Announcement/Message for GA.

X. Announcements
- Next GSA meeting February 24th, 2015 @ 215 Tate Hall
- GPC Winter Welcome, Feb. 6th at 7:00pm @ Déjà vu Comedy Club.
- Myrlie Evers-Williams, a civil rights activist and former chairperson of the NAACP would be speaking on Wed. Jan 28th @ Missouri Theatre, 203 S. Ninth Street. Tickets are free but required.

XI. Adjournment -- motion to adjourn by Angela Uriyo.

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