GSA Meeting Minutes
January 26th, 2016
Meeting: 6:15 pm
111 Tate Hall.

I. Call to Order by Kate Perry (Interim VP) – 6:29PM
II. Approval of November General Council Meeting Minutes, approved by Eric Scott
III. Exec Board Reports (if any)

- Carrie Winship (Treasurer): presented by proxy
  o Travel grants, upcoming cycle. Last cycle was December 14, 2015, 13 total submissions.
    Next round are due March 30th for travel btw December 15 and March 14th. Old app still
    up due to website update constraints. New changes would be posted on website, inquiries welcome.
  o Budget is at $5,785.66. New funding coming in March
  o New travel grants application guidelines.
    ▪ Main document covering new changes to be sent out via email.
    ▪ Next Deadline.

- Kate Perry (GSA Interim VP):
  o Upcoming Events
    ▪ State of the University Address
      • The chancellor will be announcing a minimum stipend of 15k (25%) to start in August 2016 and then to 18k in the following year. This stipends would be redressed going forward to keep rates competitive. Only about 400 masters and PhD student will be benefiting as they currently make minimum stipends. This cuts across the board and will not be applied departmentally. The 18k increment will cover a lot more people in its scope. Fellowships will be adjusted accordingly. On health insurance, things will remain the same going into next year until the IRS suggests otherwise. Grad housing and childcare are also being looked into. Stipends however remain priority. This will be announced at the chancellor’s State of the University address at 1:30 in Stotler lounge at the Memorial Union and Student Union. FGR/CGW will be gathering prior at 12:30 to go en masse to get seats and show involvement.
    ▪ GSA Rebranding and Mission Updates.
      • Serving the Grad Student Experience’ a shift from the former mantra which spoke towards advocacy, a portfolio already filled in by the GPC, the intent is to streamline our objectives into enriching and serving the grad student experience. Logo and rebranding was done by Chuka Emezue (GSA Secy). Input welcome.
    ▪ BCC Coffee Break, Time and Date to be announced
    ▪ GSA Outstanding & Superior Student Awards. Nominations are coming out this week as soon as we have website access.
    ▪ CV Docs, 16th March, 10-2pm. Venue will be announced shortly.
      ▪ Active shooter Training. Conducted by the MUPD, it will enable students and TA’s to be well appraised on appropriate responses to active shooter
situations on campus. All the services are free. Session and class groups can be formed around this activity.

- **Kenneth Bryant Jr. (GSA President):** Preparing for comps.

- **Kate Busselle, Direction of Public Relations—**
  - GSA Crisis Protocol.
    - A crisis holding statement has been created following our last meeting and assembly suggestion, this should serve as our communication tool pending the need to address an ongoing crisis situation on campus. Document projected to the assembly for input. Nuances of use was discussed to ascertain what type of crisis situations exactly the document will be used for. Approved by Connor Lewis, seconded by Jessica Anders.
  - Weekly emails to GA: call for relevant event placements.
  - GSA Rep of the Month. Selected from roaster to be randomly selected to feature on our social media platform to highlight areas of personal and professional service.

IV. New Business/General Council Reports

V. Announcements: Eric Scott – CGW campaign to unionize: new GSA reps encouraged to sign up on mobilization cards, without obligation to any particular stance. Information should be spread out to the departments too. organizemizzou@gmail.com for inquiries. Also, a joint statement by GPC and other orgs is being passed around re: union rights, departments are encouraged to come forward to sign up.

VI. Adjournment.- Connor Lewis, seconded by Jeff Corrigan