Graduate Student Senate
General Body Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2013
7:30pm Scripps Hall, 111

I. Call to Order
   a. Called to Order 7:30pm

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes
   a. Approved
   b. No amendments to the agenda
   c. Agenda is approved

IV. Student Speakout
   a. None

V. Presentations
   a. GWRC
      i. Graduate Writing and Research Center
         1. One or two hour sessions made online
         2. Sessions are free
         3. Face-to-face and online sessions
            a. Online on Google Hangouts
         4. Trying to create a website where all graduate students can compile research
         5. Let fellow graduate students know about this program to keep program in play
         6. On the third floor of Alden, room 309
         7. Hoping to get more space to help more graduate students
         8. Will help with writing dissertations
         9. Will online resources be available to branch campuses
            a. Hopefully in the future, now anyone with an OU email can use it.
         10. Is there any space to work on publishing with a tutor?
             a. This is what the writing center is used for
         11. Students should sign up for an appointment
         12. Trying to form writing groups as well.
         13. Can help with APA and AMA
14. This is an opportunity for graduate students to make it what we want

VI. Officer’s Reports
   a. President – Joel Newby
      i. International Concerns were brought up, working with Dr. Koons
         1. Will be sending out a survey to international students regarding how they are treated with services at OU
      ii. Budget Committee Meeting
         1. Binder in updated
      iii. Reach out to President McDavis when available
         1. Looking at rape culture discussion
         2. Looking at what discussion the athletics has on campus
      iv. Office supplies are in
         1. If you need something more, let us know
      v. Sending out survey about Bobcat Lounge
      vi. Budget Planning Council
         1. Need to find someone for student fee committee
         2. Email Joel if interested
      vii. Still looking at name badges will most likely be trifolds
      viii. Will be pricing t-shirts and polos
         1. Will have to buy on own
      ix. Next semester meeting time
         1. Will send a mass doodle to find time
      x. If your name is missing from website, let us know
      xi. We are over halfway through the semester
         1. Start putting in ideas for resolutions and ideas
         2. We want to know more about what you are doing
   b. Vice President for Committees and Legislative Affairs --Liz Volpe
      i. Working on changes to GradFest
         1. November 2nd
      ii. October Commissioner meeting is Tuesday 10/22 at 1pm
      iii. Need to schedule meeting with senators and departments reps
      iv. Attended transportation meeting
      v. Alden Research Meeting is this week
      vi. Governmental Affairs position is now open
         1. Send interest for Liz by 10/25
      vii. Be updating binders weekly
      viii. We have many empty department representative positions
         1. Senators be looking for those people, reach out
      ix. Thursday, October 24th in Nelson Banquet Hall from 12-4 there will be a Rape, Sexual Assault and Bystander Intervention Discussion
         1. Looking for volunteers
   c. Vice President for Administration and Finance --Ed Gaither
      i. Doing software updates
ii. If you have information you want saved do it by Friday
iii. We need to name the new computer, let Ed know
iv. Current balance: $3,785.38
d. Vice President for Communication – Andrea Harless
   i. Let Andrea know if there is something you want posted on Facebook or Twitter
   ii. Like our pages and share with others
   iii. Remember to be checking email once every 24 hours and responding
   iv. For meetings, announcements should be no more than two minutes and discussions should be no more than

e. Advisor Report

VII. Committee and Commission Reports
a. Academic Affairs Commission - Mitchell Smith
   i. None
b. African American Affairs Commission - Christian Johnson
   i. None
c. Governmental Affairs Commission - Robert Storm
   i. None
d. Graduate Student Affairs Commission - Meagan Rinard
   i. GradFest: trying to communicate with Jackie O's for more details
      1. On Brew side
      2. Get wristbands from the GSS Office
   ii. Meagen needs to meet with people from her commission

e. Graduate Veteran Affairs Commission - Darrell Fawley
   i. None
f. Health and Safety Commission - Megan Saunders
   i. Progress of insufficiently lit areas is completed and will be submitted to risk management

g. International Affairs Commission - P. Mike Rattandsenchanh
   i. Working on survey for international students with Joel
   ii. Looking input on International Week
h. LGBT Affairs Commission - Lacey Rodgers
   i. None
i. Minority Affairs Commission - Alex Wesaw
   i. Commissions needs to meet
   ii. Committee for Diversity is meeting Thursday at 12:30
   iii. Alex will be stepping down from commissioner position it will be open for application
      1. Submit to Liz by 10/25
j. Women's Affairs Commission - Emily Burns
   i. None

VIII. Old Business
a. Discussion “What can the University do to improve Graduate Student Life on Campus”
i. Should be receiving goals

IX. New Business

X. Announcements
   a. None

XI. Entered Executive Session

XII. Ended Executive Session

XIII. Resolution to approve statement of no confidence in President Southall
   a. Unanimously approved

XIV. Adjournment
   a. 8:38pm