

Minutes for GPSA Senate Meeting #2

- Meeting called to order by Connor Hill
 - Approval of last week's minutes was proposed and passed.
- Dr. Jerry McMurtry – Dean of C.O.G.S. gave address
 - Asked for input on improvement of TA system
 - Delays in tuition wavers
 - Graduate Student Handbook
 - C.O.G.S. plans to make template for handbooks for all programs
 - Concerns were brought up about parental leave
 - Must be voted through Faculty Senate. Failed to pass. Can be brought again.
- New Business – Appointments
 - Senator: Biological and Agricultural Engineering – Sophia Theodossious
 - Motion for appointment called by
 - Motion put to vote:
 - Motion carries, Senator Theodossious confirmed
 - Senator: Civil and Environmental Engineering – Simpson Lamichhane
 - Motion for appointment called by
 - Motion put to vote:
 - Motion carries, Senator Lamichhane confirmed
 - Senator: Electrical and Computer Engineering – Morteza Soltani
 - Motion for appointment called by
 - Motion put to vote:
 - Motion carries, Senator Soltani confirmed
 - Senator: English – Louie Land (not present)
 - Senator: Mathematics – Jordan Hardy
 - Motion for appointment called by
 - Motion put to vote:
 - Motion carries, Senator Hardy confirmed
 - Senator: Political Science – Wills Baird (not present)
 - Senator: Water Resources - Natasha Wingerter
 - Motion for appointment called by
 - Motion put to vote:
 - Motion carries, Senator Wingerter confirmed
 - Senator: Christina
 - Motion for appointment called by
 - Motion put to vote:
 - Motion carries, Senator confirmed
 - Senator: Glenn Grout – Food Science

- Motion for appointment called by
 - Motion put to vote:
 - Motion carries, Senator Grout confirmed
- Overview of Senator Responsibilities
 - Communicate opportunities to constituents
 - Students can unsubscribe from university emails if overload is a problem
 - Use word of mouth/text/flyers/social media
- New Business – Grad Club Support
 - GPSA is thinking of supporting grad clubs more
 - Grad clubs are clubs with more than half members grad students
 - Affiliated clubs get \$250, mailbox, storage space, subject to review
 - Received sponsorship from Senators Corpron, Reyes and Hurley
 - Motion to vote - Passed
- Sustainability Committee
 - Reduce by Reuse campaign
 - Gives students reusable containers
 - Needs volunteers
 - Safer pesticides on campus
 - Will send out email
 - Committee needs more members
 - No regular meetings
- TEGA Committee
 - Workshop Aware Deadline for fall 2018: October 1st at 4 PM
 - Thesis/Disseratation Printing and Binding Award deadline: November 26th at 4 PM
 - Submit hard copy of application to Morill Hall GPSA Mailbox
 - Ake sure you mention the name of the department senator in the application
 - No late submissions accepted
 - Let your constituents know
 - Committee would accept one more interested senator
- Travel Awards Committee needs more members
 - Travel Awards deadline is next Monday
 - Needs more members to evaluate applications
- Programming Committee
 - First coffee hour this Friday, the 14th, 9:30 – 11 AM in the IRIC Atrium, 1st floor
 - Emails will be sent out
 - Travel Awards Committee will be there to answer questions
 - There will be bagels
- Diversity Committee
 - Exists
- Environmental Science Senator Appointment
 - Motion for appointment called by

- Motion put to vote:
 - Motion carries, Senator confirmed
- Motion to Adjourn
 - Motion put to vote
 - Motion carries unanimously, senate meeting adjourned by Vice President Connor at 7:30 PM