

Compiled by Senator Jordan Hardy

Edited by Speaker Ramyaa Ravichandra

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### Minutes for GPSA Senate Meeting #3

- Meeting called to order by Vice President Connor Hill at 6:30 PM
  - Connor read the Mission Statement.
- Approval of Minutes
  - Typos under TEGA – dissertation, make.
  - Motion to approve minutes pending corrections
    - 25 ✓
- Executive Report
  - GPSA Panel at Grad 101 Workshop
    - 4-day workshop hosted by COGS for undergrads
    - We need 20 volunteers for a GPSA panel
    - 5:00 – 5:30 PM on Tue Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> to Fri Oct 26<sup>th</sup> in Whitewater room, Commons
  - Update on Parental Leave policy
    - We have not gotten release to hold a general poll, but there will be a GPSA poll.
  - Update on Health Insurance
  - Graduate Council Report
    - GPSA pushed for a policy change in Grad Council to allow instructors to serve on committees.
    - Shot down due to lack of support from President Staben
    - We do not plan on amending and resubmitting
    - Question from Speaker Ravichandra: What would we need in order to propose this again?
    - Answer: Lobby with the faculty in departments it could be relevant for.
  - Student Safety and Wellness Taskforce
    - Pushing for a change to revise the “Think About It” safety program to be more inclusive of grad students.
      - Would allow instructors to serve on committees
      - Contact your constituents to obtain feedback about the program
      - Relay feedback to Senator Davis ([shanedavis@uidaho.edu](mailto:shanedavis@uidaho.edu))
      - Question: How do you intend to make it more inclusive?
      - Answer: It currently only applies to undergraduates under 24 yrs. Old. If passed, grad students would take an online workshop to promote safety.
- New Business – Appointments
  - Secretary Candidate: Jordan Hardy

- Vice President Connor Called for Vote
      - 27 ✓
  - Senator for Anthropology Candidate – Zenna Crawford
    - Vice President Connor Called for Vote
      - 30 ✓
  - Senator for English, Creative Writing – Louis Land
    - Vice President Connor Called for Vote
      - 30 ✓
  - Senator for Education, Curriculum and Instruction and Leadership – Madison Griffin
    - There was discussion about whether a single senator could serve for two departments.
      - The prevailing opinion is no.
      - Discussion tabled for now.
    - Madison is planning on being senator for one department, Leadership and Counseling
      - There was confusion about whether the correct form was submitted.
      - Discussion tabled until next meeting.
- Committee Reports
  - Travel and Publishing Awards
    - Travel Awards: \$8669
    - Publishing Awards: \$700
  - Next deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM
  - Let your constituents know there is a publishing award and communicate deadline.
  - Students can apply one deadline before or one deadline after travel.
  - The university apparently also has a publishing award
    - There was discussion about why we have both
    - This award is likely easier to get. University awards are hard to get.
- Appointment of Madison as senator of Leadership and Counseling
  - Madison does have her form.
  - Vote called by Connor
    - 25 ✓
- TEGA
  - Workshop Awards Deadline October 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 PM
- Motion to Adjourn called, Seconded
  - Motion Passed Unanimously
  - Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 PM