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Renfrew Hall, 125
Moscow, ID

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Minutes for GPSA Senate Meeting #6

- Meeting called to order by Connor at 6:32 PM
- Approval of Minutes
 - Motion to approve from Michelle, seconded by Andre.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Guest Presentation – Kate Strum – Director of Graduate Student Support Programs
 - She is here to coordinate efforts to help grad students connect. Many opportunities are posted to their facebook page.
 - There will be a Thesis-Dissertation Write-Ins this year. These are events to let students write their theses together and help with correct formatting. There are also informative presentations at the beginning. More information is on facebook.
 - Keep an eye on email for news from her. KStrum@uidaho.edu.
- New Business – Appointment – TEGA Chair
 - Appointee: Clint Elg (Senator from BCB)
 - Served in GPSA since August 2017.
 - Vote called by Ananth for appointment.
 - The vote passed unanimously.
- Executive Report – None
- New Business – New Constitution – Ananth J.
 - Six executive positions, elected yearly by GPSA members.
 - Eight appointed council members, appointed yearly by UI Colleges (except Law and COGS)
 - Positions beginning in May and end in April
 - Major Changes
 - T&P and TEGA merged into Awards
 - Sustainability and Diversity will no longer be committees but will be encouraged to become clubs.
 - Presidential nominees require 2 years of prior service, VP, Finance secretary and Awards secretary require 1 year.
 - This would take effect May 2019
 - The president would be holding “Special Initiatives” to benefit grad students.
 - Questions
 - How will colleges appoint people?
 - Possibly associate deans nominate candidates.

- Do the deans know about this?
 - Yes
 - Would it make sense for bigger colleges to have more representatives?
 - If we need more council members in the future, we could plan for this.
 - Why appointment rather than election?
 - Department chairs and deans have ideas who would fit the position.
 - There was concern about this choice. Some people think elections should be part of the process.
 - The current form requiring approval among constituents still applies
 - Idea: What if students applied to deans and department chairs, who decided among them?
 - There might be a small number of people who have been here two years.
 - There are a few people. We want continuity between leadership.
 - There was some disagreement about whether it was bad that this system discourages Masters students in leadership.
 - Further discussion on these matters is tabled.
- New Business – Parental Accommodation Policy – Connor H.
 - The PAP will be sent to Grad Council to review before it will be shown to Faculty Senate who will vote on it.
 - Next Senate meeting we will look over the draft.
 - Prior attempts were shut down for being too broad. We hope our proposal will be more narrow and therefore pass. We will also be modeling it on faculty leave policies.
 - Currently we're aiming for four weeks of unpaid, protected leave with no possibility of retaliation.
 - Comment: We need to discuss how money for replacements will happen.
 - The proposal has been sent out to everyone. Please read it and send Connor comments.
- New Business – Senator Induction
 - Caleb Bass – Art and Architecture
 - A vote was held to induct Caleb. It passed unanimously.
- Announcements
 - There will be several senator appointments next week
 - Coffee Hour will be next Friday 9:30 – 11:00 at Slice and Biscuit.
- Motion to Adjourn called and seconded.
 - Meeting Adjourned at 7:39 PM