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Minutes for GPSA Senate Meeting #1

- Meeting called to order by President Jillepalli at 06:30PM
 - Welcomed Senate to Meeting #1 of AY 2018–2019
- Executive Report (President Jillepalli)
 - Fundraising strategic plan
 - Crowdsourcing via U&I give platform
 - Tap takeovers / trivia nights at local establishments
 - Work with OAR in ID/ing potential donors
 - Vandals Giving day presence
 - Support for New Clubs (to be covered later in meeting)
 - Parenthood Accommodation Policy
 - Along the lines of tenured faculty policy
 - President Staben is willing to work with us to work towards a policy
 - Have to find out potential utilization numbers
 - Waiting for HR clearance to send poll out because of concerns about legality
 - Graduate Council and Misc.
 - GPSA pushing for a policy change in Grad Council
 - Would allow instructors to serve on committees
 - Question (Speaker Ravichandra): committee member has to be same level degree as degree sought?
 - Answer (President Jillepalli): Yes
 - Question (Speaker Ravichandra): Why can't a masters instructor serve on a PhD committee?
 - Answer (President Jillepalli): Because they don't have the experience of getting that sought degree
 - Default health insurance for all grad teaching assistants
 - Being discussed at UBFC
 - Ombuds: Dr. Laura Smythe, will begin Oct. 2nd
- New Business—Appointments (Speaker Ravichandra)
 - Senator: English Department, Louie Land (not present)
 - Senator: Political Science, Wills Baird (not present)
 - Senator: Natural Resources and Society Department, Brenna McGown
 - Motion for appointment called by President Jillepalli
 - Motion put to vote: Yay – 30, Abstain – 0, Nay – 0
 - Motion carries, Senator McGown is confirmed
- New Business—Grad Clubs
 - Why must GPSA support grad clubs?

- GPSA receives a portion of student activity fee
 - GPSA must support all aspects of grad student activity
 - Grad student clubs are one such activity
 - Was largely ignored in previous years, now trying to rectify situation
- How can GPSA support grad clubs?
 - Funding (\$250), if and only if supported by Idaho dept. (\$ from GPSA rollover budget)
 - Storage space?
 - Mailbox?
 - Awareness w.r.t. best org. practices?
 - Question (Treasurer Lukaszewicz): How many clubs now?
 - Answer (President Jillepalli): Around 5
 - Question (Senator Schwaner): Approval process? Must welcome all grad students?
 - Answer (President Jillepalli): Up to R&A committee
- What is the proposed GPSA support process?
 - Relay between GPSA and R&A committee
- What are the budgetary constraints?
 - FY2018, draw from rollover as applications are approved
 - Don't foresee more than 7–8 applications
 - FY2019 onwards, budget a reasonable amount (based on projections from FY2018 data) for clubs
 - Next steps?
 - Bill has been begun by executive board, will be sent out next week.
 - Review bill
 - Interested senators will sponsor bill, if interested
 - Sept. 11th, vote on the bill if sponsored (need 3 sponsors)
 - Question (Senator Corpus): What's the purpose/attachment of sponsoring? Are there anti-sponsors/opposers?
 - Answer (President Jillepalli): To advocate for it, and no, just voting
- Diversity Chairperson: Appointee: Andre Corpus
 - Statement (Senator Corpus): Senator Corpus will do it because he was asked by President Jillepalli (he served on the Diversity Committee last year)
 - Motion for appointment called by President Jillepalli
 - Motion put to vote: Yay – 28, Abstain – 2, Nay – 0
 - Motion carries, Senator Corpus is confirmed as Diversity Chairperson
- Committee Reports
 - Senator Schwaner: Travel and Publishing Award Committee (summary on slides)
 - 2 applications for Travel awards rejected
 - Why rejected? Useful to know for advisory purposes

- One retracted (budget was wrong)
 - One had many errors
 - Need more publishing awards
 - Need to email constituent students! There's a lot of money going unused
 - September awards: September 17th deadline
 - Communicate this deadline with your constituents!
 - First-line check of application: Senators! (so, make sure you understand the application process)
 - Also: committee is looking for additional staff
 - Committee should be in its final form before the September deadline
- Announcements
 - Programming Committee needs members as well
 - Question (Senator Schwaner): When is next coffee hour?
 - Answer: Sometime right before travel awards deadline
 - Sustainability Committee needs members
 - Communications Committee also needs members
 - Comment (President Jillepalli): We'll go over committees and what senators need to do next meeting when VP Hill is back in town
 - Comment (Speaker Ravichandra): Emailing your constituents is important
 - Comment (Senator Schwaner): Also, introduce yourself to your constituents
 - Question (Senator Corpus): Is there a way to email all students?
 - Answer (Speaker Ravichandra): Yes, listserv
 - Comment (Senator Takahashi): Chairs/program assistants sometimes don't approve the email or actually send it out for you, and this is an issue
 - President Jillepalli: GPSA needs a Secretary. Volunteers should email Speaker Ravichandra
 - Question (Senator Jayaraman): Can we get a list of senators and their departments?
 - Answer (Speaker Ravichandra): Yes, VP Hill will go over that next meeting
 - Senator Jayaraman: TEGA committee also needs more members
 - Motion to adjourn by Senator Jayaraman, seconded by Senator Corpus
 - Motion put to vote
 - Motion carries unanimously, senate meeting adjourned by Speaker Ravichandra at 7:30PM