

GC Minutes 02/29/2016

1. GC Minutes (2/22/2016): approved

2. E-Board Report

3. Funding Requests

- French Film Screening: \*Motion to fully fund; vote: fully funded
- KGSA: \*Motion to table funding request to next meeting; vote: motion passes

4. Progressive Party (Group Recognition)

- existence of democratic and republican group but no progressive group
  - goals: promote policies outside of academic sphere; activism efforts for policies (also on national level)
  - group consists of grads and undergrads; currently 5 grads (most of them from Chemistry)
  - point of information: recognized groups must have 5 grads and the chair/president/head of this group has to be a grad student
- \*Motion to approve the Progressive Party; vote: passes
- email tomorrow (03/01) to Jacob Kravetz

5. E-Board Updates

- Chairs: meeting with Tiffany Sanchez (option for funding for GRO Guide Launch Event, apply to Dean of Student Life); meeting with Christine and Renee (Versatile PhD event: planning logistics, emails etc.); meeting with Counseling Center (Wellness Chair also present)
- GRO Guide: appointed people to go over content; presentation of site; actual code writing not necessary for updating website; focus on

incoming and current students; created category of grad issues (financial, academic, legal); GRO will send out link for website to GC; launch party for GRO Guide (03/21) to start beta-testing until orientation; possible section that could be created: what's going on in Baltimore

- Wellness Chair: ca. 300 responses for survey (results not here right now); update on issues concerning mental health and physical wellness; working with advocacy chairs in the future
- Advocacy Chair: planning events, e.g. Town Hall Meetings with administration to talk about surveys (03/30); award for student who is engaged in community (Center for Social Concern): details will be distributed to grads
- Parental Concerns Chair: not present at meeting; survey coming up: GRO asked for getting parental and family life type questions; family fun day march 26: day for activities with your family; problem with family fun day: not approved by GC (GC meeting on 11/30 had approved \$ 100

## 7. Budget

- general explanation of budget; budget can't be carried over to new academic year
- we have to vote on employing people and if we decide to pay salary to people who do not belong to E-Board, every grad student must have the chance to apply (email to all grad students)
- otherwise: favoritism possible
- in this case, Chair advised GRO Guide Chair to build committee but GC was not consulted and an email was not sent to all grad students about the paid opportunity
- why it also matters that we try to get grads from different disciplines: grads in humanities (for example) get less much money and this also means that those grads have different options for living and experiences
- how to form committee?

\*Motion to have three people from GC in order to create a committee; vote: passes

- remaining potential fees that come with the GRO Guide (maintenance fees)

- continue to discuss GRO Guide budget at next meeting

#### **LOST QUORUM**