Boston College Graduate Student Association  
Senate Meeting Agenda – Wednesday, February 27th, 2016

I. Representatives in Attendance
   a. Director of Graduate Student Life, Darrell Peterson
   b. Assistant Director of Graduate Student Life, Hannah Trost
   c. Director of Advocacy and Outreach, Jen Tanglao
   d. Director of Programming, Kiara Manosalvas
   e. Director of Finance, Candy Yulin
   f. GSCA – Craig Ford
   g. GMA – Michael Poupolo
   h. STA – Michelle Verner
   i. GASA—Anatoly Arlashin
   j. SSW—Taylor Leach

II. Director of Advocacy
   a. Preliminary research for Women’s Research Initiative
      i. Focus group information will be sent out through the senators once the
         form is complete.
      ii. Bystander Intervention training from Women’s Center – Thursday, Feb
          11th 12pm
      iii. Tina Tchen, Assistant to President Obama and Chief of Staff to the First
           Lady, Michelle Obama – Key Note speaker for Saturday, Feb 27th.
           1. If you are interested in co-sponsoring, please email Jen Tanglao at
              tanglao@bc.edu

III. Director of Programming
   a. Grad Appreciation Month
      i. For anything specific you would like to see, please email Kiara
         Manosalvas at manosalk@bc.edu
   b. Grad Student Coffeehouse Open Mic
      i. April 29th 5-8pm in Cabaret room in Vanderslice Hall.
      ii. Interested in co-sponsoring? Email Kiara at manosalk@bc.edu

IV. Director of Finance
   a. OGSL had to dip into the reserve funds for Orientation BBQ costs
   b. Leaders, please tell your treasurers to NOT send Candy any paperwork for
      Alcohol Reimbursement.

V. GSCA
   a. Rebranding occurring
      i. Survey put out through listserv
      ii. Highlighting the following 4 areas: Campus leadership, Activism,
          Community Building (people interested in meeting new people), Service
   b. Soul Food Dinner – Sunday, Feb 21st
      i. Craig will be sending out an announcement to Hannah to post on social
         media.
   c. Discussing how administration is managing/handling goals of inclusivity and
      diversity on campus.
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d. Theme for this year is “Moving Forward”
   i. LinkedIn Portraits will be taken sponsored by GSCA
   ii. If you know anyone who is skilled in photography, let Craig know.

VI. GISA
   a. Designed a team to come up with a Constitution that directly addresses their goals
      and mission.
   b. Movie Night will be transfused with Restaurant Hop – Saturday, Feb 27th
   c. Fences on Broadway – NY trip for International students.
   d. Opportunity for students to practice presenting their research interests and
      projects– March 27th
   e. Global Night – April 1st or April 15th (waiting for GEA)
   f. Final Birthdays with Friends and Family – April 29th
   g. Graduate De-Stress Week – collaborating with GSA

VII. STM
   a. Lumin at Vita (Light and Life): happening this weekend
      i. Key Note: Kelly Brown Douglas
   b. Initiative to help better support for international students at STM
      i. Academic International Peers – asking for volunteers in each class who
         are familiar with the American culture/English and who are willing to stay
         after class for 15 minutes for international students to touch base with.

VIII. GEA
   a. Comprehensive Exam Study Break 12-1pm
   b. Feb 17th 8-10pm – Paint Nite
   c. March 5th 8-11am– Day of Service for Veterans
   d. Research Symposium
   e. Dates and Time TBD: Scavenger hunt, Day of Service with an animal shelter,
      Glow in the Dark Zumba Charity event, Senior Prom with Senior Citizens, Global
      Night/Diversity Panel with GISA, Career Orientated Speaker with Dr. Blustein,
      De-Stress Social
   f. Chris will email us the updated schedule.

IX. SSW
   a. First meeting was last week; discussed how BC Social Work is doing with
      diversity issues.
   b. Tomorrow will be their leader’s meeting
   c. Feb—Academic Forum
   d. Alumni Association Meet and Greet Network Event; potentially at City Side; date
      TBD
   e. Spring Fling April 9th

X. GASA
   a. February: Data Blitz-making a 5-minute presentation of your research in front of
      an audience.
      i. Any research, at any stage, is welcome!
   b. March or April: Beyond the Ivory Tower
      i. For Social Sciences PhDs, most of them aim for working in academia.
         Event is to gain a better sense of what options there are that aren’t
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academia. Invited speakers who are working in these fields; organized with the Career Center

c. Unionization attempts going on; Harvard is in the process of doing it right now.
   i. At BC, GASA is attempting to do the same. Before they start collecting signatures, they need to make sure everyone knows what exactly is going on concerning unions.
   ii. Had a meeting today to discuss what would this mean for BC students (the good and the bad); Anatoly suggests this is something every school should do. Contact information will be given out for the group who is in charge of these meetings; to be sent out soon.
   iii. GEA has a meeting every two weeks – possible to get a meeting organized during one of their meetings since they are the representatives of the Lynch Information.
   iv. Suggestion: Produce literature for people to read.

XI. GMA
   a. Advisory Director of Goldman Sachs
      i. Spoke to students about making your mark that reflects you as an individual
      ii. Many students were not able to attend despite RSVP’ing because the lack of parking spaces is a huge issue; students had to leave class early to move their cars. Trying to figure out how to address this issue because it affected their turn out.
   b. Gala next Saturday at the ICA; ticket sales will be done in the next few days
   c. Grad Week committee formed.
   d. Lots of events will be scaled down due to the time constraints of 1st and 2nd year MBA students

XII. GNA (Absent, but notes provided)
   a. For the spring semester, the GNA is working on a few professional development events that provide skills to students that are not taught in class. We are planning a Phlebotomy Workshop and Suturing Workshop this semester for the Grad Nursing Students. We also have a guest lecturer to provide an Interview and Resume Workshop during our next lunch meeting, which will be helpful for many of us who are soon to graduate. We are also in the process of pursuing other community service events. We are also planning the Graduation Gala in May which is a celebration of commencement.

XIII. Darrell Peterson, Director of Graduate Student Life
   a. Dinner with the Provost – 5 Deans will be present.
   b. 4th Floor of Maloney Hall in Student Affairs Office at 5pm.

XIV. Draft for the Parking Advisory Council
   a. Chris (GEA) wrote a proposal to reduce the increase in parking prices.
   b. Parking, price availability, and communication between students and BC.
   c. Is it possible to have a payment plan rather than having to pay the entire sum in the beginning of the year.
   d. Objectives and Plan of Action should be more closely related
   e. If there is a Parking Advisory Counsel, is there a way to have students on this council?
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f. Jen will be contacting Rocky, former Director of Advocacy And Outreach
g. How does the voting process work for this Parking Advisory Counsel? Jen will look into this.
h. Rather than attacking and trying to secure guaranteed parking, spend more time discussing scarcity of parking.
i. Jen will contact the Council to make sure the conversation continues.

XV. Senate Reform
a. The following are commitments of the Senate Reform Committee:
   i. Make the Senate more democratic
   ii. Greater accountability for each other and the student body at large
b. There will not be a rotating presider of the meetings.
c. Limiting of term limits for 2 academic years
d. Gender/Diversity requirement
   i. Concerns: What about schools that do not have men/women on their boards?
      1. Mandatory with the exception if you have gender non-diversity in your leadership boards. Craig will edit the language in the Constitution to reflect this conversation.
e. One vote per school; even if both Senators (Primary and Alternate) attend.
f. Committee will work on the April appointment date for schools that do not that have their leadership selected by this date.
g. Any graduate student can attend a Senate meeting and it is our job as the Senate to reply within 2 weeks regarding their concerns; intention is to hold accountability for our student body.
h. DAO will write in the committees she/he is a part of.
i. Article IV: Senate participation in the election committee for selecting Executive Board; there is never a simple appointment.
   i. Confirmation to be done by Director of OGSL.
j. Disciplinary Committee – DAO and two Senators to be appointed to the Committee.
   i. Group will not receive reimbursement for their funds if their seat remains vacant in the Senate.
   ii. Concerns
      1. Is this really realistic? It seems unfair to freeze funds if schedules don’t align.
      2. Information should come from a central source that someone would be more likely to read. Having an overwhelming amount of emails doesn’t help with getting information heard and read.
      3. How do we have the content in a way that people will receive it? How do we keep it consistent?
k. Finance Committee – more transparency of how our money is spent.
l. Email Craig for any additional comments; expect a new draft by next week.