Representatives in Attendance

I. Darrell Petereson – Director of the Office of Graduate Student Life
II. Jen Tanglao – GSA Director of Advocacy and Outreach
III. Kiara Manosalvas – GSA Director of Programming
IV. Candy Xing – GSA Director of Finance
V. Elizabeth Dickensen – GNA
VI. GEA Alternate Rep – Chris Tansey
VII. Taylor Leach – GSSW Collective
VIII. Michael Puopolo – GMA
IX. STM Alternate Rep – Claire Ken
X. Mark D’ Angelo – GPA

Executive Board Reports

I. Executive Director
   a. GSA Goals for the Year
      i. Women Advocacy – currently working on Women’s Center for coordination
      ii. Diversity – encouraging conversation with grad students
   b. Advocacy and Outreach Updates
      i. Supporting health insurance issue
      ii. Extending bus routes on Comm Ave
      i. Barb Jones Meeting
         a. Opportunity to share with her our mission and ideas for the year. Made us aware of Board of Trustee meeting (discussed below).
            1. Parking and Advisory Counsel Meeting
               a. New satellite parking lot in the works; Expected next fall
               b. Parking pass increased by 10% to cover their losses from their loss of parking space.
                  i. A formal complaint letter will be written, as per Senate’s wishes. A google doc will be started by Jen and all will contribute.
               c. Research into bus routes will be done
                  i. Looking into what UGBC did in order to successfully extend bus route to Chestnut Hill mall.
                  ii. Initiation looking for committee members will be sent out soon.
   ii. Women Center’s Meeting
       1. Spoke with Director, Kate Dalton
       2. Love Your Body Week
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a. Hosting a film showing of Miss Representation (tentative)

3. CARE Week
4. Idea to send out a survey, “What kinds of women’s issues would you like to see be addressed” to grad students. Women’s Center does not have much info on women student body for grads.

iii. Graduate Student Union
1. Because of health care issues, students need to be receiving benefits and are not being forgotten
2. Jen is in the process of speaking with the people in charge of this.

iv. Provost Advisory Council
1. Every 4 years, instead of a GSA rep, a law school will represent the Counsel.
2. After speaking with the Counsel, a graduate student will be able to attend. Brandon Cochran, GA for OGSL, will attend.

II. Director of Finance
a. Updated GSA budget
b. Included roll over from last year
c. Summer GA stipend was not included, but it is now included.
d. Conference Grants – funds were limited; each session (4) is allocated $1,500 to send BC representations.
   i. 50 applications were received; 12 students were given $125 (these 12 have never received compensation for conferences in the past)
e. Advocacy Groups – GSCA, GPA, GISA
   i. $3,000 per group will be allocated this semester.
f. Korean Graduate Student Organization
   i. Usually not funded, but we are willing to give them $275 for the year.
g. Taking into consideration carry over
   i. How should the carry over be treated? Should we just make up the difference when we are considering their budget or allow them to keep the surplus?
   ii. No final decision has been made – advocacy group presidents not present, but will discuss matter with them.
h. Consistency of Financial Policies
   i. Candy will be coming up with a document to have a consistent set of guidelines i.e. By what date should the organizations make their proposals? Key point is to have clarity for all orgs when E-Boards turnover.
III. GSCA
   a. No questions about document
   b. Refer to email Jen sent out with updates

IV. GNA
   a. Harpoon Brewery event went very well
   b. Community Service events coming up i.e. Blood Pressure Clinic
   c. Medical Spanish Workshop in November

V. STM
   a. Student Forum -- October 1st
   b. Event on the topic of climate change and Open Mic Night tonight.

VI. Social Work
   a. End of the Year – Fenway
   b. October – Self Care Day
   c. November – Spirituality Panel

VII. GEA
   a. Welcome to New England event
      i. 80 people attended
   b. Grad Hour cohosted with Grad Office – very successful
   c. Contributed to GSCA’s BLM Event
   d. Fall Festival – 50 kids, 30 adults; huge success
   e. Tailgate with CSOM tomorrow; sold 100 tickets
   f. Friendsgiving – Boston Market will cater
   g. If anyone is interested in collaborating, email Kelly or gea@bc.edu

VIII. GASA
   a. Data Blitz
      i. GASA is hosting our semesterly Data Blitz on Wednesday, November 18, from 6-8 p.m. at Cityside. This is a fun event where grad students from different disciplines give 5-minute presentations of their research in terms a general audience can understand. GASA pays for drinks until we run out of tickets. For A&S people present, if you’re interested in presenting, you can get in touch with Karina Hamamouche (hamamouc@bc.edu) as soon as possible. It’s very informal and shouldn’t require a ton of time to prepare, though visual aids are usually helpful.
   b. Health Insurance
      i. Per the earlier email conversations about the upcoming health plan renewal discussion, Anatoly is meeting with Candace Hetzner (Associate Dean for Academic Affairs) and Katie O’Dair (Vice President for Student Affairs) later in Nov to talk about health insurance. GASA will also start working on the bigger poll very soon (our next general meeting in Nov will be mostly about it). For those who don’t know, it’s an in-depth survey of
graduate students about their pay, work hours, and their priorities/concerns in a lot of different areas.

c. Last year’s GASA president, Erica Foss, has been working with the Career Center to plan career events for PhD students, and has proposed to Candace Hetzner the creation of a Dean of Placement to oversee academic job placement. We’re also collecting information about which departments have placement coordinators, and what they do. Finally, Erica is planning another alt-ac/networking event for the Spring. If you’d like to know more, you can get in touch with Erica directly at fosser@bc.edu.

IX. GPA
   a. Membership building events coming up
   i.  Potluck, Escape the Room
   b. Monthly meetings going well

X. CSOM
   a. Tailgate with GEA tomorrow
   b. Students from all different countries bringing food tomorrow
      i.  Goal: Inclusion for International students (did not feel this way last year)
   c. Dean contributed to this
   d. 7 week party happened last week
   e. Make Your Mark
      i. Orgs are trying to collaborate with other’s schools clubs in order to get more funding.
      ii. Great resource for women’s advocacy
   f. Leadership Luncheon
      i.  Mid November or January TBD
   g. Finance Club Speaker Series
      i.  4th speaker coming up; huge success with large turn out.
   h. CSOM was accidently not ranked in a key ranking list due to a lack of responses from 2nd year students
      i. Frustration among students, but speaking to Dean about it.

XI. OGSL
   a. Suggestion: Think broadly about programs; try to find ways to collaborate with other schools.
   b. Remember: This Senate is your voice; it is up to you how you use it. Bring up your concerns, ideas, etc. Use this networking to your advantage.
   c. Board of Trustee listen to everything students say; they do not take it lightly. Jen will have the opportunity to talk to these folks in December, so if you have anything you would like this group know, pass it along to Jen Tanglao.
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i. Chances are that if there is a concern in one school, it probably exists in another school. Collaborate and tackle things together.