Graduate Student Association  
Senate Meeting Agenda  
September 27, 2019  

Senators in Attendance:  

Alec Hartman (GSA)  
Tyler Johnson (GSA)  
Marquise Griffin (GSA)  
Emily Mills (OGSL)  
Hannah Trost Chalufour (OGSL)  
Vicente Muñoz-Reja (GASA)  
Takia Myers (SSW Collective)  
Steven Highland (GMA)  
Lindsay Landwehrle (GNA)  
James Hadaway (GEA)  
Katie Christy (STM)  
Ekin Uyar (GISA)  
Endaisia Love (GSCA)  
Margaret Summerfield (GPA)  

1. Welcome  
   a. Lunch  
   b. Overview of Senate and Goals for the year  
      -Create opportunities to meet and collaborate  
      -Pick themes and topics for future meetings  

2. Introductions/ Formation  
   -Description of formation for grad students at BC: finding a sense of purpose/  
   Questions to think about during the year:  
   What brings you joy as a leader  
   What gives you a sense of purpose?  
   What are you good at?  
   How do you bring this to BC?  

3. GSA Executive Board Updates  
   a. Executive Director Updates:
OGSL collaborating with mission and ministry on a focus group Oct. 17th

Met w/ Rec Center on increasing grad student involvement.

Meeting w/Vice Prez. Joy Moore on Oct. 28th

Meeting w/Undergrad Student Body Prez TBD

GSA wants to update the Constitution--Need a committee for this.

b. Director of Programming Updates:

Aiming to create programming that fosters the holistic growth of grad students; programming centered around social, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual development.

Taco Tuesdays first Tuesday of every month.

Waffle Wednesdays every other Wednesday.

Collaborating with Outdoor Adventure to get grad students more involved.

Would like to collaborate with each school at least once a month to hold a co-sponsored event.

c. Director of Finance Updates

Information about the process of using the P-Card.

Plan events ahead of time so the reimbursement and payment process will go faster.

Monthly report of spending/budgeting.

4. OGSL Updates
a. Updates from OGSL Graduate Assistant
   Working on constitutions.

b. Updates from OGSL Assistant Director
   Student Affairs interested in food insecurity among grad students.

5. Senator Updates and Goals
   a. Graduate Arts and Sciences Association (GASA)
      Updating contacts. Want to increase connections/relationships among A&S students.
   b. School of Social Work Collective (SSW Collective)
      SWC had first meeting last week
      Looking at social work not just as a profession, but as a way of being in the world.
      Focus on shifting dynamics of social work school.
      Would like to have low-cost, highly attended events.
   c. Graduate Management Association (GMA)
      Main goal is networking b/t GMA students.
      Have tailgating spot for grad students during home football games.
      Want to bridge gap b/t part-time and full-time students.
   d. Graduate Nursing Association (GNA)
      First event for everyone to get to know each other.
      Charity events
      5k for Haiti
      Want to increase nursing students’ ability to connect w/other grad students.
   e. Graduate Education Association (GEA)
      Want to be more social.
      Trying to do events off-campus
      Tailgate tomorrow
   f. School of Theology and Ministry Student Forum (STM)
Increase interfaith connecting. Want to decrease isolation at Brighton Campus

g. Graduate International Student Association (GISA)
   Connect international students w/each other
   Want to have an International Movie Night

h. Graduate Students of Color Association (GSCA)
   First meeting/event Wednesday
   Being intentional about collaborating w/other groups.
   Reach out to advisor more.

i. Graduate Pride Alliance (GPA)
   Social events for LGBTQ students
   Apple picking in Oct.

6. Ideas for future Senate Meetings
   Theme for each meeting
   Invite speakers
   Libraries for grad students
   International students/first-year grad students want to learn more about LinkedIn.
   Professional LinkedIn shots
   Rec Center tour for grad students
   Women’s Center would like to place menstrual hygiene products in all campus bathrooms.
   Centralizing information on resources for grad students on OGSL website

   Committee interest:
   Collaboration Committee: 4 senators
   Executive (Constitution) Committee: 2 senators
   Disciplinary Committee: 2 senators