Graduate Student Association
Senate Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2018

Senators in Attendance

Melissa Dilillo (GSA)
Tyler Johnson (GSA)
Roshan Chandapeta (GSA)
Lauren Rodriguez (OGSL)
Scott Noddin (GMA)
Sophie Savelkouls (GISA)
Anthony Russo (STM Student Forum)
Natalia Evens De Menezes (SSW)
Vicente Munoz Reja Alonso (GASA)
James Hadaway (GEA)
Margaret Summerfield (GPA)
Rita Ortiz (GSCA)
Representative (GNA)

Absent: N/A

Boston College Police Chief William Evans

Working to provide more training to BC Police staff in dealing with mental health awareness. Emphasis on officers on campus nurturing students and guiding on a good path rather than a militaristic role. Also addressing limiting sexual assaults on campus (speaking with BC athletic teams about consent, warning about dangers of using ride-sharing). 60 total staff at the BC police department, officers always working around the clock.

Executive Board Updates

Executive Director Updates

Dining Services Meeting: Melissa and Marcus (GMA) met with head chefs and operational people for the Bean Counter in Fulton Hall. Voiced complaints from MBA students about not being open for breakfast/coffee before class, chefs agreed to change hours to better mesh with students’ schedules.
Considering doing pop-up stations throughout campus to get students into different academic buildings on campus, experience different types of foods.

Library Committee Meeting: GSA met with library executive council at O’Neill earlier this week. Working with library to make undergrad and grad students more aware of library and research resources available on campus. Working on creating a survey to send to grad students at end of the year to gauge what amenities they were aware that were available to them.
Will be moving all outdated and out of cycle academic journals to digital print, and will be creating a reading room on 5th floor O’Neill overlooking Boston. Also establishing dedicated interview spaces in the library. Could be geared more towards specific departments rather than ‘general resource information’ given out at orientation. Some departmental libraries hold office hours to assist students in research papers and explaining library resources.

Provost Advisory Meetings: Melissa attended PAC meeting last week. Main topic for monthly meeting was parking. Discussed that other schools (i.e. Harvard, Northeastern, etc.) pay higher parking prices than BC. Currently grad students pay $100 more than undergrad/faculty parking pass prices. Currently no plan to address this largely because of construction issues going on. Parking gets oversold by hundreds of people. Will address issues with BC shuttles (Comm Ave. busses) having inconsistent schedules at next PAC meeting.

*Director of Programming Updates*
November Scavenger Hunt cancelled due to weather and lack of interest. Will be working on instituting it as part of welcome month in September of next year
December 1st BC vs. BU hockey game
December 3rd Meditation Monday @ Murray House
December 5th Therapy dog Spencer coming to Murray House!
December 10th Boston Celtics vs. New Orleans Pelicans game
Will be planning more events on campus involving the arts (i.e. Robsham theatre, comedy clubs, etc.)

*Director of Finance Updates*
Working this week on paying grad affinity groups (GISA, GASA, GSCA, GPA) presidents and treasurers their semester stipend. Many students are already BC employees and can not exceed 20 hours per week, so Tyler and SABSC will work to give out stipends over Thanksgiving Break Still waiting on SABSC approval for monthly P-card reconciliation process. Accounts get frozen if you don’t submit monthly reconciliation.
Planning for Grad Ball: half of the budget is dedicated to Grad Ball
Encourage sponsorship for a better experience
BC Policy is that you can carry only $1000 from your budget to the next year and not more.

*Senator Updates*

*Graduate Pride Alliance*

Slutcracker at Somerville Theatre Friday December 8th
**Graduate Arts and Sciences Association**

Events: Mixer on December 8th. Political Science department meeting bi-weekly over coffee.

**Graduate Management Association**

Working on networking with alumni before BC/BU hockey game on December 2nd

**Graduate Education Association**

Discussion over movie *The Hate You Give* this Friday at Campion. Next Tuesday a social hour at 3pm at Campion. Academic committee putting on film *Waiting For Superman* on November 28th.

**Graduate Students of Color Association**

Events: Friendsgiving at the Murray House tomorrow (11/16) from 12-2.

**Graduate International Student Association**

Thanksgiving meal the Saturday after Thanksgiving for international students.

Other Updates: Disability Services Discussion

**Senate Meeting Calendar**

No December meeting!

Doodle Poll will be sent out to get Senate Meeting schedule ready for Spring 2019 semester.

Alternate senators were added to the Senator listserv for ease of communication.