Graduate Student Association
Senate Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2019

Senators in Attendance

Tyler Johnson (GSA)
Roshan Chandapeta (GSA)
Melissa Dilillo (GSA)
Lauren Rodriguez (OGSL)
Brendan Monroe (GMA)
Sophie Savelkous (GISA)
Dana Ostberg (GNA)
Meagan Sharrington (STM Student Forum)
Ryan Mossman (SSW)
James Hadaway (GEA)
Margaret Summerfield (GPA)
Melissa Alonso (GASA)
GSCA Representative (GSCA)

Absent:
Carole Hughes (OGSL)

Executive Board Updates

Executive Director Updates

Hiring Processes:
-GSA: Carole, all 3 GSA members, and hiring committee have been interviewing several candidates for brand new Director of Programming and Executive Director. Still in the interview/hiring process for the DoP position but have officially offered the ED role to Alec Hartman from the School of Theology and Ministry.
-GASA: Mostly select committee through word of mouth, find whoever is free enough and willing at the beginning of the fall semester.
-GEA: James will be staying on as president, currently in the process of interviewing/hiring the VP sometime in May and then hiring the rest of the Exec Board in August.
-GMA: 1st year representative elections happen sometime in September and those elected will stay on for 2 years and are welcome to apply for President or whatever exec board positions. Multiple VP positions appointed (social, marketing, etc.)
-GNA: Nursing sends out Google forms with position descriptions in February for people to be nominated. Google/Survey vote took place right after Spring Break to elect the new exec board.
-GPA: only 2 official positions (president/treasurer), people voluntarily attend a meeting to decide if they’re interested in supporting on an e-board or if they want a more active role in taking on an official position and receiving the stipend each semester.
- STM: 2 positions: Treasurer and moderator of student forum, typically nominated roles, asked to write a bio concerning what they wanted to gain from the role.
- SSW: 4 positions: Executive coordinator, treasurer, president, social coordinator. Leaders hold student collective meetings every month, put out formal request for leader nominations sometime in March. In-person vote will take place at next SSW meeting.
- GISA: 2 official positions (president/treasurer), exec board will be graduating so applications were sent out last semester to allow for an easier transition into the roles for new exec boards. Fairly informal application/interview process.

Provost Advisory Council Meeting: final monthly meeting coming up for Melissa to attend at Waul House after Easter Break. No agenda or action items available yet, but Melissa will forward any relevant information to the Senate afterwards.

MIT/All-Boston GSA Meeting: Melissa, Roshan, and Tyler have 3rd meeting with Boston area GSA’s this coming Friday (4/12) at Babson College. This will be the final meeting before taking a trip to the Massachusetts statehouse (April 26th) with other students from MIT, Babson, Northeastern, UMASS, BU, and BC. Any senators or BC students are encouraged to attend and sit in on the talks or play a more active role in advocating for bills. More information will be sent out later on for those interested in attending.

*Director of Programming Updates*
- GRAD BALL (April 6th) was a large success. A big thank you once again to GEA, SSW, and STM for their generous donations to make the event happen.
- Grads Give Back (April 13th) this Saturday, bus will be going to Mattepan leaving from Robsham Theatre. About 30+ students already signed up
- Graduate Appreciation Week (April 29 – May 2)
Spencer the Therapy dog is coming! Will have stress relief bags available at the Murray House all week with snacks and stress balls

*Director of Finance Updates*
- Stipends for graduate affinity groups should’ve gone through over winter break for previous semester, this semesters should have been sent by SABSC some time over spring break. Will be speaking with SABSC and University about why affinity groups receive semester long stipends and
- Hannah Chalufour, AD for Graduate Student Life will continue being out on maternity leave until mid-May. Carole Hughes has been replacement sign-off on financial forms, Tyler will continue taking over all financial documents/questions as well as providing ticketing reports through CashNet Services until Hannah’s return
- The GSA unfortunately did not meet their food and beverage minimum during Grad Ball last Saturday. Because of this they are seeking donations from any/all willing graduate student groups that have leftover funding and would be willing to contribute to the GSA. We have been running on a much tighter budget this year than in years past, and any monetary contributions would allow us to pay back the Westin in full on time, and potentially allow for summer programming or conference grants to become available
- The end of BC’s fiscal year is quickly approaching. The deadline for turning in financial documentation to SABSC is Monday May 6th, but Tyler will need any documents turned into him by Friday May 3rd at the very latest to allow for review and processing. Documents turned in after this date will not be processed until the start of the next fiscal year which will occur for student groups in August at the start of the fall semester.
- P-cards will automatically be deactivated on April 23rd, so please reach out to Tyler (if you have not done so already) with a request to extend the P-card if you plan on making any purchases after this date.
- Note that April reconciliations will be turned in the first week of May as planned, but any P-card charges for the period of 4/26-5/26 must be filed under a May reconciliation and turned into the GSA.
- Email Tyler with any end of the year questions.

Additional Updates:
Alec Hartman passes Senate vote and is inducted as GSA Executive Director for the 2019-2020 academic year.
After the GSA completes the hiring process for the Director of Programming position, the selected candidate’s resume will be sent out to the Senators to be voted on electronically so another meeting will not be necessary.

Thank you, Senators, for a great year!!