



GRADUATE *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

GPSA Executive Board

Date: **Friday, September 26, 2014**

Time: **4:00pm**

Location: **Howl Zone, Branch Stadium**

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 4:17pm by Chief of Staff Wayne Thorpe

Roll Call:

1. President Texanna Martin
2. Wayne Thorpe
3. Sai Kumar Uppu
4. Taylor Smith
5. Hilary Wainwright
6. James Foty
7. Zoila Alvarez
8. Adela Chavez
9. Chloe Winegar-Garrett
10. Joe Bryant
11. Andrew Belzer
12. Stephanie Everett
13. Valentine Fisher

Absent:

1. Jessica Marshall
2. Elena Friot
3. Guoshun Yang
4. Amber Dukes
5. Steve Maness

Welcome and introductions done. Wayne apologized for having the meeting at the tailgate due to unavailability of the E-Board for other times proposed. He then asked for a brief report from all Chairs.

Grants:

James gave an update on the grants deadlines and also on grant reader training workshops. He also said he is trying to get more readers to read grants. He also gave an update on the ongoing grant writing workshops and the new grant's website.

Finance:

Hilary is working on the appropriations requests and also thinking of changing the format of the committee meeting to hear appropriations for the October's meeting.



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Lobby:

Taylor discussed the legislative process and what will happen in Santa Fe come Spring. He also spoke about the tabling event every Wednesday at the Law School. He is in the process of identifying a second capital outlay project that should benefit GPSA members.

Student Support and Advocacy:

Sai informed that he is planning to have his committee meeting in the next month and also he is collaborating with the GPSA Assistantships & Benefits committee in organizing an event for students with assistantships.

Media & Outreach:

Zoila and Adela noted that they were close to filling their committee and hoping to start streamlining GPSA communications.

Professional Development & Research:

Joseph and Andrew gave an update on the attendance rates at PAW workshops. They are thinking of strategies to increase the number of students attending the workshops. They gave a detailed schedule on the workshops and on their efforts to update the PAW website.

President's Report:

The President's Report was given by Chief of Staff Wayne Thorpe. Wayne gave an update on the SFRB. Hearings would begin next weekend and will be held over three days. The Start By Believing campaign is on in earnest and we are hoping to present it to the Regents in October. He also gave an update on behalf of the Assistantship and Benefits committee - Elena is working on the event for the student on campus with assistantships and also about the Committee of Non-standard Instruction.

Other business:

Wayne introduced Valentine as the Deputy Chief of Staff. Valentine mentioned that he had found our new Graduate Health Chair Alaa and was excited with the prospects of the committee. He also introduced Chloe Winegar-Garrett who was interested in becoming our Programs Chair and was attending to find out more about GPSA and the E-Board.

President Martin later joined and gave a brief update on the SFRB and also progress on Start by Believing.

Closing Remarks:

Wayne thanked everyone for coming out to the big homecoming tailgate and again apologized for the poor choice in venue.

Wayne moves the meeting to adjourn at 5:10 PM.