

Graduate Student Council General Meeting #1 September 8, 2014

12 people in attendance

Time: 8:30- 9:35 pm

Introductions

- Thank you for attending
- Introductions of the board and the meeting attendees
- Icebreaker game

What is the Graduate Student Council? (GSC)

- Formed three years ago
- Have increased stipends for Graduate Assistants to \$4,000
- Give a voice and representation to graduate students
- Opportunity to meet other graduate students from different fields/departments

Security Walk

- Tuesday September 16/ Wednesday September 17 from 8-9pm
- Hand out toolkits for participants
- Need graduate student volunteers on Tuesday
- Gives representation to the graduate student council

USMSC

- The rising cost of textbooks
- Survey on whether textbooks purchased are used throughout the semester or not

Professional Development (PD)

- PD that will cater to the needs of graduate students
 - Ex. finance workshop (use of credit cards, purchasing a house, etc.)
- Needs/ wants for a specific PD for professional or personal interest
- Send out a survey on topics that could help decide a topic
- Another idea is bringing someone from Career Services
 - -Focus on resume building to market degree, research opportunities
- Presenting at a conference

Social Events

- Social event- Event at the deli on Thursday from 5-7pm once a month
- Other possibilities are:
 - -Potluck
 - -Buffalo Wild Wings
 - -Fundraisers/ Charity
 - -Museum Trip to DC

Marketing

- There are approximately 776 graduate students enrolled
- Twitter: @su_grads
- Facebook Page: GSC
- Using the #gradstudentsmattertoo

Treasurer's Report

Need to look at the report

What are your expectations for the GSC?

- Creative way to reach out to other graduate students so they can join GSC
- 10% off at the bookstore for Graduate Assistants/ Resident Directors
- Red parking passes for Graduate Assistants
- Discussion of Graduate fees (athletics, facilities)
- Coffee Hour
- Stipend not covering all fees for classes

Intramural Volleyball

- Please join to meet other graduate students
- Planning on also participating in dodgeball in October

Closing Remarks

- Next meeting will be on September 22, 2014
- Thank you for coming!