



Agenda/Minutes

Graduate Student Council

Executive Board Meeting-Weekly

Date: February 16th, 2023

Called to order at 4:30pm by President Nicholas Plummer

AGENDA:

- I. Members in Attendance
 - A. **President** Nicholas Plummer **Vice President** Jennifer Brewster
 - B. **Secretary** Alexandra Grimm **Treasure** Wellington Uzamere
 - C. **Public Relations** Daniel Ebrahimi **Social Coordinator** VACANT
- II. **Joined by members of the Finance office to better understand our ability to utilize the budget provided to us.** (Dr. Janet Wormack-VP, Barri Zimmerman-Budget Officer)
 - A. Proposed tuition and fees
 - i. Submitted to the board of regents for approval
 - ii. 2% for most graduate studies
 - iii. 1.2 - 1.9% for graduate programs with differential tuition
 - iv. Parking passes will go up by \$5 – has not increased or been adjusted since 2008
 - v. Cost of Attendance for Graduate Students – overview of the tuition and fees for one year including books, and transportation. miscellaneous, and loans
 - vi. Graduate Differential Rates -
 1. \$11-17 increase
 2. Worked in collaboration with program deans
 - B. Provided a clear view of making college affordable for ALL students
 - i. **Important to keep in mind, most of these increases are coming from the state and sometimes federal.**
- III. Executive Board Member Updates
 - A. President - Nick Plummer
 - i. **Strategic Planning and Budget meeting this morning**

- ii. Middle States Accreditation – Shared Governance; Steering Committee – Meeting on February 21st
 - 1. Discussion into the planning well past 2025
 - iii. Increase the USM (University System of Maryland) presence on individual campuses to understand what the council is doing for us
 - B. Leaning toward not finding a new social coordinator; roles and responsibilities for how we're viewing the Gala – **DECISION NEEDS TO BE MADE BY NEXT MEETING**
 - C. Vice President - Jennifer Brewster
 - i. Meeting Tuesday February 21st with Town-Gown
 - D. Secretary - Alexandra Grimm
 - i. Meeting with Honors College: Monday January 20th @3:00pm
 - ii. Any thoughts and concerns I can pass onto the Provost Search committee – from a graduate student perspective
 - 1. Enrollment – goal to get back to 12% graduate students
 - 2. Recognition on campus – lots of outreach and marketing to undergraduates; long hours for GA positions
 - 3. Graduate Photos for the GSC info board and marketing
 - 4. Graduate office is open to implementing new programs to lift recruitment number back up following the pandemic
 - E. Treasurer - Wellington Uzamere
 - i. HAD TO SIGN OFF BEFORE ANY UPDATES
 - F. Public Relations Coordinator – Daniel Ebrahimi
 - i. Surveys to be sent out to other grad programs – within the next week.
 - 1. Results can be submitted through teams – Excel workbook, word document (link to each survey and contact info of each)
 - 2. Getting back into social media
 - a. Think about accounts we can start up – linked up
 - G. Social Coordinator – VACANT
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- IV. Current Initiatives
- V. Long-term Initiatives
- VI. Questions
- VII. Actions Items

Member	Action Item	Target Due Date	Notes
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Nick Plummer	Follow up with Jen – Position descriptions		
Jen Brewster	Follow up with Nick – Position descriptions		
Alex Grimm	Graduate concerns/comments to pass onto Provost search committee		
Wellington Uzamere			
Kellee Toler			
Daniel Ebrahimi	Surveys to graduate programs		
All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Updating position descriptions • Brainstorm Gala ideas • Keep an ear open for events we can table on campus 		