

Graduate Student Assembly
Delegate Meeting Agenda
August 30th, 2007
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Graduate Life Center at Donaldson Brown
Multipurpose Room

- I. 5:30 – Call to order**
- II. Approval of agenda - Electronically**
- III. Approval of Minutes, April 26th 2007 - Electronically**
- IV. 5:35 – Initiation of Robert's Rules**

- When making a comment, please: stand, say your name and department, and then state your comment.
- New rules from Robert's Rules will be introduced each meeting. This meeting's rules are:
 - 1) Point of information – for clarifying something; you can interrupt the speaker; doesn't require someone to second it
 - 2) Point of order – for correcting a mistake; you can interrupt the speaker; doesn't require someone to second it
 - 3) Make a motion – state "I make a motion to ..."; you cannot interrupt the speaker; requires someone to second it

- V. 5:40 – President's Report**

Accomplishments include: improved inter-department grad socialization, providing leadership opportunities for grad students, enhanced website and content, and improved GRDP and TFP management through VT Scholar.

-Next month will focus on updating the GSA constitution, integrating Northern VA in our delegate meetings, and visiting department GSO's (graduate student organizations).

- VI. 5:45 – Chair / Cabinet Reports**

- A. Graduate Representative to the BOV – Brennan Shepard (brshepar@vt.edu)

- During his time in office, Brennan hopes to create more interdisciplinary opportunities for grad students and attract more involved grad students to Virginia Tech and the GSA.
- Encouraged delegates to email any comments, compliments, etc.

- B. VP of Membership Report – Joe McFadden

- Mentioned that people serving in at-large positions are available to attend meetings if delegates are unable to.

- C. Treasurer's Report – Brandy Huderson

- \$11,601 awarded; \$4,115 generated

- D. GRDP Report – Haiyan Cheng

- Application cycle 1 is currently open; deadline is Oct. 5.
- Delegates interested in volunteering to serve as reviewers should contact Haiyan at hcheng04@vt.edu

- E. TFP Report – Joseph McFadden

- Application cycle 1 currently open; deadline is Oct. 12.

- F. Webmaster Report – Fleur Gooden

- Asked delegates to email a photo of themselves to her by Sept. 27. If no picture is received, a photo will be taken at the next delegate meeting.
- If you have ideas for what should be listed under 'resources' on the GSA website, please email Fleur

G. Grad Prof Day Report – Jonathan Moore

-Delegates interested in volunteering for Grad Prof Day on Oct. 1 should contact Jonathan at s2jrmoor@vt.edu
-Event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. though help with set-up and takedown also requested. Volunteers will be fed.

H. Northern VA Report – Joe McFadden

-Grad students from the NCR campus will be attending the concert and may need somewhere to stay the night

VII. 6:10 – Old Business

A. Statistical Consulting Center – Laura Freeman

-With GSA's involvement and support, grad students will have free statistical consulting.

B. Health Insurance – Sara Crickenberger

-With GSA's involvement and support, grad student health insurance now includes Carilion facilities, a wellwoman physician's visit, and the option to change your plan at any time.

VIII. 6:15 – New Business

A. Norris Hall Task Force Panel

-Email Joe McFadden (jwm@vt.edu) if you would like to be part of the lunch-in to discuss what should be done with the classrooms in Norris Hall or if you have any suggestions.

B. Chief Justice of the Graduate Honor System – John Kane (khinasi@vt.edu)

-Discussed desire to revise the Graduate Honor System constitution, as it has not been updated since 1991.
-GSA body voted to approve John Kane's appointment as Chief Justice.

C. Formation of GSA Historian Position

-Anyone interested in serving as GSA's historian should send an application (a cv and letter of interest) to GSA by Sept. 14. The historian would attend GSA sponsored events, take pictures, and compile a record of that year.

IX. 6:30 – Announcements

A. VTENGAGE

-An event to pledge 10 hours of volunteer service to the Virginia Tech community.
-Main pledge drive will be held on Oct. 16th.
-Any questions, contact Joe McFadden (jwm@vt.edu).

B. Legislative Action Days (Washington D.C., Sept. 12-14)

C. NCGSL Conference (Lexington, KY, Nov. 9-11)

D. NAGPS Conference (Austin, TX, Nov. 15-18)

-If interested in attending, send a letter of interest to GSA by Sept. 14 at 5 p.m.

X. 6:35 – Comments & Suggestions from the Floor

A. Background on powerpoint presentation distracting.

XI. 6:40 – Adjournment

GSA Executive Board

President: Joseph McFadden (jwm@vt.edu)

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VP of Programs: Laura Freeman (lamorgan@vt.edu)

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Webmaster: Fleur Gooden (fleur@vt.edu)

TFP: Ashish Ranjan (aranjan@vt.edu)

GRDP: Haiyan Cheng (hcheng04@vt.edu)

Research Symposium: Natoshia Raishevich (natoshia@vt.edu)

Graduate & Professional School Day: Jonathan Moore (s2jrmoor@vt.edu)

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