

**Graduate Student Assembly
Delegate Meeting Agenda
November 1st, 2007
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Graduate Life Center at Donaldson Brown
Multipurpose Room**

- I. 5:30 – Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Amendments to Agenda – November 1st, 2007**
- III. Approval of Minutes, September 27th, 2007 - Electronically**
- IV. 5:35 – Dean of the Graduate School Karen DePauw**

General introduction from the Dean. Graduate doctoral enrollment up 924 students, exceeding the goal of 900 by 2010. International Week events will begin in 2 weeks so stay tuned.

V. 5:38 – President’s Report

Accomplishments include: updating the GSA constitution (in progress), creation of an online GSA photo album (through Google Picasa), a well-attended childcare BBQ, coordinating VT-ENGAGE with Northern Virginia (in progress), evaluating campus/town communication, and a successful Halloween party with BGSO. -Tim Hodge may be asked to attend an upcoming GSA delegate meeting to provide a breakdown of student fees. Some information can be found through the VT website.
-Please remember to stick with Robert’s Rules. They will help the meetings run more smoothly.
-This month will focus on visiting Northern Virginia, continuing work on the GSA constitution, and presenting at NAGPS.

VI. 5:45 – Chair / Cabinet Reports

A. Graduate Representative to the BOV – Brennan Shepard

Encouraged delegates to read recommendations from Governor Kaine’s panel and the 3 internal review panels. Feel free to email Brennan if you have any questions (brshepar@vt.edu).

B. Northern Virginia Report

The friendship basketball game was well-attended with 19 participants and 20-25 audience members. Movie night was also successful with 10-12 in attendance. Northern Virginia fully supports the Blacksburg GSA with Big Event. Northern Virginia hopes to schedule a game night (chess or scrabble) this month.

C. VP of Membership Report – Toni Stroter

Next Cabinet meeting will be in January. Cabinet members are asked to submit: 1) a paragraph explaining your commission or committee from a student’s point-of-view (what is its mission, etc.), and 2) a brief paragraph about what your commission or committee has accomplished and what it is currently working on.

D. Treasurer’s Report – Brandy Huderson

\$12,000 awarded; \$12,000 generated

-Northern Virginia GSA will be funded \$600 for 1 year, but funding is not guaranteed for the next year. Blacksburg GSA will meet/talk with Northern Virginia GSA on possible fundraising ideas.

VII. 6:00 – Old Business

A. Childcare Forum – Bryce Jorgensen

Turnout was quite good. Adding \$1-2 in a childcare fee will **not** be pursued. A list of possible scholarships for assistance with childcare will be available online soon.

VIII. 6:05 – New Business

A. GSA Constitution Update – Joe McFadden

Constitution is currently available to read on Google Docs. The first reading will take place at the November 29th delegate meeting. Approval of the constitution is a multi-step procedure.

B. Karen DePauw Graduate Fund – Joe McFadden

A past GSA created a fund in Dean DePauw's name. Money in the fund is solicited from alumni via the Graduate School. The purpose of the fund has not yet been determined. Suggestions for the fund can be provided at a brainstorming session (date to be determined) or via email to GSA (gsa@vt.edu). A clause may also be added, requiring an annual review of the fund and its purpose(s).

C. Athletics Committee Update – Ken Stanton

-After additional discussion, it has been confirmed the "stick it in" cheer cannot be saved. However, Jim Weaver is supportive of the creation of new cheers or the resurrection of past cheers. Youtube.com will be used as an avenue for people to propose new cheers, act them out, and then let the general student body decide.

D. Graduate Bill of Rights – Ken Stanton

-It was requested that GSA make a motion to have the Graduate Student Bill of Rights revisited, revised, and re-proposed. Motion passed. Anyone interested in participating should contact Ken (vt007ken@vt.edu).

IX. 6:25 – Comments & Suggestions from the Floor

-A delegate suggested having a career fair just for graduate students. GSA will check with Career Services.

-A delegate commented on the difficulty of getting into intramural sports. It was requested those with difficulty contact GSA (gsa@vt.edu). It was also mentioned that the Rec Center's resources may be a limiting factor.

X. 6:35 – Adjournment

XI. 6:30 – Announcements

A. Student Health Advisory Committee Update – Sasha Marine

Those in Schiffert Health Center next week are asked to fill out the satisfaction survey. Volunteers to administer the survey are still needed, so if interested, contact Sasha Marine (scmarine@vt.edu).

B. Dialogue with the Dean – Laura Freeman

Future Dialogues with the Dean may be either dinner or lunch to accommodate more people's schedules.

C. Fun Runs

D. Education Symposium – Toni Stroter

The School of Education is seeking education-related research. If interested, contact Toni (astroter@vt.edu).

E. GRDP Update – Haiyan Cheng

GRDP has just completed the 2nd phase of the review process. Applications will now be reviewed by faculty members.

F. Wine Social with CISO on November 30th!

It will be held at the University Club on-campus. RSVP online; \$10 per person.

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