

**Graduate Student Assembly**  
**Delegate Meeting Agenda**  
November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
5:35 – 6:35 p.m.  
Graduate Life Center at Donaldson Brown  
Multipurpose Room

- I. 5:35 – Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda - Electronically
- III. Approval of Minutes, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 – Electronically
- IV. Review of Robert's Rules

-When making a comment, please: stand, say your name and department, and then state your comment.

-Reviewed Robert's Rules:

- 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

V. 5:40 – President's Report

Accomplishments include: student fee presentation by Tim Hodge, success of the revamped website (as indicated by total clicks on the website this fall), NAGPS and NCGSL travels, International Potluck over Thanksgiving break, and George Mason has agreed to work with the Northern Virginia GSA for the Big Event.

-This month will focus on visiting Northern Virginia, the Karen DePauw Graduate Fund fundraising campaign, and gaining feedback from delegates.

-If your department would like to be included in the Departmental Highlight, email GSA (gsa@vt.edu).

VI. 5:47 – Chair / Cabinet Reports

A. VP of Membership Report – Toni Stroter

-Please remember to fill out the Cabinet survey by December 6! Email reminders will follow soon.

-If you will need to be replaced on your committee/commission this spring, email Toni (astroter@vt.edu).

B. Treasurer's Report – Brandy Huderson

\$12,680 awarded; \$11,860 generated

-We are trying to set up a subaccount for Northern Virginia.

C. Historian Report – Philip Zellner

-The historian position includes: attending events and taking photos, and compiling a record of all the events for an academic year.

VII. 5:50 – Old Business

A. GSA Constitution – Joe McFadden

-The Bylaws cannot be found, so they will have to be rewritten.

B. Karen DePauw Graduate Fund – Laura Freeman

-The description was given a first reading and comments/suggestions were sought. The first reading, as it was read to delegates, is listed below. **Please note the feedback given on Nov. 29 has already been included in a revised version.**

Karen DePauw Graduate Fund: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

The Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) established the Karen DePauw Graduate Fund to offer scholarships that foster transformative graduate education. Based on the vision of the Graduate School Dean Karen DePauw, the fund serves to build graduate community, recruit nontraditional graduate students, and expand and modernize the graduate experience. The Karen DePauw Graduate Fund offers financial assistance to improve the work/life balance, such as caregiving, and to broaden academic pursuits via scholarship opportunities in Citizen-Scholar, the Graduate Education Development Institute (GEDI), Preparing the Future Professional (PF Pro), and the Future Professoriate (FP). The purpose and objectives of the Karen DePauw Graduate Fund will be reviewed yearly by the GSA.

**C. Athletics Committee Update – Ken Stanton**

-Mentioned again that 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. This will probably begin in February.

**D. Graduate Student Bill of Rights – Ken Stanton**

-Faculty have been recruited to assist and Brennan Shepard is working on the governance setup.

-Evidence will need to be collected on the problems VT grad students are experiencing. An anonymous survey will probably be used.

-This is currently on Blackboard and a link will be added to the GSA website. Anyone interested in participating should contact Ken ([vt007ken@vt.edu](mailto:vt007ken@vt.edu)).

**VIII. 6:20 – New Business**

-No new business.

**IX. 6:20 – Comments & Suggestions from the Floor**

-Joe McFadden requested the delegates provide feedback on the GSA thus far:

- 1) What events do you want to see during the spring semester?
- 2) What are our successes?
- 3) How can the GSA improve?

-A delegate suggested a Nontraditional Graduate Student Association be created. It was requested that the delegate spearhead the movement.

-A delegate suggested the GSA broaden social events, such as tying in the GLC Seminar Series.

-A delegate commented how much she enjoyed the comedy troupe last year, and perhaps another event like that should be scheduled this year.

-A few delegates indicated they would like more information from the Treasurer's Report including: what the terms generated or awarded mean, how the money is being spent, etc.

-A delegate offered to organize a social event akin to 'dollar beer nights'. Karen DePauw pointed out the GLC lobby does have an ABC license and the space is for graduate student use.

**X. 6:35 – Adjournment**

**XI. 6:30 – Announcements**

- A. Wine Social – Friday, Nov. 30, from 5:30-9 p.m. at the University Club
- B. Nominations for GSA Board positions will open at January's delegate meeting
- C. Hokie Day – In Richmond on Feb. 6. If interested, talk to Joe before Nov. 30.
- D. GLC speaker series needs speakers, so please consider it!

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