

Graduate Student Assembly
Delegate Meeting Agenda
September 27th, 2007
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Graduate Life Center at Donaldson Brown
Multipurpose Room

I. 5:35 – Call to order

Toni Stroter will chair the meetings now, per delegate suggestions.

II. Approval of agenda - Electronically

III. Approval of Minutes, August 30th 2007 - Electronically

IV. 5:35 – Initiation of Robert's Rules

- Reviewed the rules discussed at the last meeting (point of interest, point of order, and making a motion).
- Please remember to stand, say your name and department, and then state your comment.

V. 5:40 – President's Report

Accomplishments include: the GSA constitution is in the process of being revised, Get Out and Run will be starting up again on either Wednesdays or Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the start of the Huckleberry Trail, integration of the Northern Virginia GSA with our meetings via live video feed, and Joe went to D.C. for Legislative Active Days and talked about graduate issues, debt relief, and international equality.

-Next month will focus on revising the GSA constitution with delegate input (a draft will be available online for review), more graduate input in CSA as Joe is now the chair, the selection of the historian position.

VI. 5:45 – Chair / Cabinet Reports

A. VP of Membership Report – Toni Stroter

-Per delegate requests, Toni discussed what duties delegates have: to attend (or send a replacement) GSA meetings, to bring concerns from individual departments, to offer suggestions for improvement, and to inform students in their respective departments of what occurred at the meeting

-Delegates suggested the concerns and suggestions for improvement be put on the GSA website

B. Treasurer's Report – Brandy Huderson

\$11,881 awarded; \$4,350 generated

-A budget request for the Northern Virginia GSA is currently being reviewed.

C. Grad Prof Day – Jonathan Moore

-Reminded delegates that Grad Prof Day will be on Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

-Flyers were handed out with the request they be put up within the delegates' departments.

-Delegates that can volunteer to help in the morning should contact Jonathan at s2jrmoor@vt.edu

D. GRDP Report – Joe McFadden

-Application cycle 1 is currently open; deadline is Oct. 5.

-Reviewers are still needed, so contact Haiyan at hcheng04@vt.edu if interested.

E. TFP Report – Ashish Ranjan

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

-Any questions, please contact Ashish at aranjan@vt.edu

F. Webmaster Report – Fleur Gooden

-Since no one emailed with suggestions for what should be under the 'resources' tab on the website, it was replaced with a tab for 'extended campuses' and information about the Northern Virginia GSA is now online.

-Please check that the email address listed with your photo and name is correct.

G. Northern VA Report – GSA

-They discussed past events GSA has done in the past (welcome event, movie nights, wine and cheese social, etc.) and what events they hope to do in the future (friendship sport events and events that unite students, faculty and staff).

VII. 6:05 – Old Business

A. Statistical Consulting Center – Laura Freeman

-Grad students will have free statistical consulting starting in January.

VIII. 6:08 – New Business

A. Childcare Forum – Bryce Jorgensen

-VT appears ready to make some positive changes in regard to childcare.

-Bryce asked the delegates their opinions on adding a fee of \$1 a semester for a childcare subsidiary.

-Individuals interested in learning more about the forum or in voicing their opinion are encouraged to attend a BBQ on Oct. 14 at 3:30 p.m. → email Bryce at bljorge@vt.edu for more information and to RSVP

B. “Stick It In” Cheer – Ken Stanton

-Jim Weaver (Athletic Director) banned the Marching Virginians from playing the “Stick It In” cheer.

-The issues with this decision are: 1) the loss of tradition without input from the Hokie community and 2) that Jim Weaver decided what image VT should be presenting.

-Ken will email a resolution in favor of the cheer to the delegate body soon and asked that delegates provide input on it.

C. VT-ENGAGE – Joe McFadden

-VT-ENGAGE is an event to pledge 10 hours of volunteer service to the Virginia Tech community with the main pledge drive will be held on Oct. 16th on the Drillfield.

-Joe asked the delegates their opinions on GSA co-sponsoring The Big Event with SGA.

-For more information, visit <http://www.engage.vt.edu/> or contact Joe McFadden (jwm@vt.edu).

IX. 6:36 – Comments & Suggestions from the Floor

-Volunteers are needed for the VT-ENGAGE kickoff from 2-9 p.m. Contact Lindsay Moss (lcross@vt.edu) if you can help.

X. 6:40 – Adjournment

XI. 6:36 – Announcements

A. GRDP Deadline – October 5th

B. TFP Deadline – October 12th

C. Childcare Forum – October 14th (Contact Bryce at bljorge@vt.edu if interested in attending.)

D. BGSO Co-sponsored Halloween Party – October 26th at Cabo Fish Taco

E. CVM Golf Tournament – November 2nd (Contact Clifton Cassidy at cassidy@vt.edu for more info.)

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