I. Call to Order (6:31)

II. Approval of 2/5 meeting minutes
   a. Tabled until next weekend.

III. Vote for VP Exec
   a. Question before the Assembly was whether Brad Sottil should be confirmed as VP of External Affairs.
   b. Motion passes 14-2.

IV. Brad Sottile’s Update
   a. Ad hoc meeting about building security.
      i. Whether buildings should be locked after 6:00pm?
      ii. Original estimate was to have three meetings and the administration
   b. Doug Whalen received various concerns about whether the new security mechanisms would kick grad students out.
      i. Brad mentioned that students would need to get swipe access to the building, but no students would be kicked out.

V. Standing Committee Reports
   a. Internal Development
      i. May have a meeting next week.
   b. Community Service
      i. Meetings are at 5pm on every Wednesday opposite the GSA Assembly meetings.
   c. Student Concerns
      i. There will be a student concerns meeting next week. Email Evelyn Miller if you have any questions.
   d. Grad Cup
      i. Grad Cup will be April 27.
      ii. 10 people per team.
      iii. Registration.
   e. Professional Development
      i. Dissertation boot camp was very successful.
      ii. Next meeting is in March.
      iii. Question was raised whether there was an opportunity for ESL students to get more language experience.
1. There is a program through applied linguistics.

f. Programming Committee
   1 Min

g. Publicity and Media
   1 Min
   i. Send Brittany Wong updates.

h. Human Diversity
   1 Min

i. THON
   1 Min
   i. THON is happening this weekend!!! Good luck teams.
   ii. GSA is listed on the donation website for THON.
   iii. Total funds raised by GSA will be announced next meeting.

VI. Report by the President - Scott Rager
   10 Min
   a. New President-elect for the University! Welcome, Dr. Eric Barron.
      i. He took an hour out of his time on Monday to meet with PSU student governments.
      ii. Scott asked him specifically about research funding.
      iii. Barron mentioned that he hopes that graduate students will engage in interdisciplinary engagement.

b. President’s Commissions for Equity
   i. Applications for appointed and affiliate membership being accepted…contact Scott if you are interested.

c. ACA Update
   i. No new restrictions on employment for full-time students going forward.
      1. May work in multiple departments.
      2. No further hour limit.

d. New GSA Office Manager will begin in two weeks

e. Student Trustee Position
   i. Permanent position proposal being considered
      1. Governance and Long-Range Planning Committee in March meeting.
      2. Full board in May meeting.
   ii. Applications for trustee position and selection committee posted on GSA website soon (next week).
   iii. Scott will find out when this position will be filled.

f. Health Care Costs
   i. General information
      1. Insurance Advisory Board proposed plan for 2014-2015
      2. Costs to increase because
         a. Benefits paid>premiums paid this year
         b. ACA taxes added to premiums
         c. ACA platinum plans < 92% AV =higher out-of-pocket
      3. Request for funding for subsides sent to budget office
a. Decision should be made by the end of the semester
4. Budget feasibility to be determined approximately by end of semester
5. Scott met with various administrative members to try to get a good picture
   ii. Scott plans to send ACA information out to the general GSA listserv.
   iii. There is a spring retreat this Saturday, February 22.
g. Elections are scheduled for first meeting in April.

VII. Report by the Vice President of External Affairs 0 Min
   a. Congratulations to Brad Sottile, our new VP of External Affairs.

VIII. Reports from Liaisons 3 Min
   a. UPAC
      i. March 4 UPAC allocation meeting.
      ii. UPAC going to have a survey next week.
   b. Healthcare Advisory Committee
      i. Ask Katie if you have any questions.

IX. Report by the Secretary - Brandon Merritt 1 Min

X. Report by the Treasurer – Marika Merritt 2 Min
   a. Co-Sponsorship golf outing for law school.
      i. Motion passes
   b. Marika is meeting with Internal Development for Constitution.

XI. Report by the Faculty Senate – Brian Aynardi 2 Min
   a. Send Brian Aynardi an email if you would like to be on the Faculty Senate.
   b. Joint Diversity Task Force: March 18 meeting
   c. Congratulations to Scott and Katie for taking the time to talk about Healthcare and Trustee business.

XII. Report by Graduate Council 2 Min
   a. Collecting information about Professional Development and career placement.
   b. Academic standards committee will be discussing grade change procedures for graduate students
   c. Interim Dean of Graduate School mentioned the following article:
      i. Chronicle.com/article/To-Improve-Equity-Focus-on/144759/
      ii. Send input to Grad Council about your reaction.

XIII. Report by the Judiciary – Nicole Omni 1 Min
   a. Nicole resigned
   b. Need two members for the judiciary.

XIV. Report by the Executive Vice President – Evelyn Miller 10 Min
   a. Movin’ On 1 Min
      i. Making offers…more soon!
      ii. If you want to volunteer let Evelyn know
      iii. Battle of the Bands: March 22nd
XV. Open Forum
   a. At large delegates
      i. Danielle Rhubar is confirmed as delegate
   b. Graduate exhibition contact grad school

XVI. Adjourn (8:01)

Spring 2014 General Assembly Schedule: Next Meeting: March 5th
6:00pm Exec. Ed. Building

Save the date: Feb 22, Spring Retreat

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