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GSG Minutes for 11/29/17

Minutes for 11/15/17 meeting approved by apparent majority

President

Grants workshop will be held Jan 11th in the morning, exact time is still to be announced

Activity fee increase will go into effect starting with the 2018-2019 academic year

Vice President

The GSG letter against tax reform was sent to the President, Provost and VP and is now available on the GSG senator google drive folder

A letter writing/calling session to state senators on tax reform was also held in Stodder at 5pm on 11/29/17

Treasurer

Crawlween receipts still needed if you want to get paid back for the stuff you bought for it

Board of Trustees (BOT) Rep

Kimberley Miner is stepping down as the BOT rep

Abby Roche will be new grad student BOT

Successes of Grad Student Body 2014-2017:

- Base pay increase

- Progress made towards getting grad student health insurance improved

- Increased visibility and voice with the BOT

- BOT inclusivity statement

- BOT free speech statement

- GSG inclusivity statement

- Student symposium has gotten much larger and continues to expand

- Increased communication within student BOT group

Challenges of Grad Student Body 2014-2017

Administration is constantly turning over so grad student body must re-emphasize their concerns whenever a new person fills a leadership position although Scott Delcourt has been a great help in keeping communications open between the grad students and administration.

The students right document in its current form was rejected by the faculty so it must be revised before being resubmitted

Grants

Grants are now ready at the Graduate School in Stodder, pick them up if you haven't already

Remember to get your expense reports in on time

Secretary

The GSG constitution now has a table of contents

Faculty senate rejected a proposed change from the President and Provost to reorganize the business school so it will stay as is

Old Business

Culturefest paid the reduced rental fee for poster boards (\$300) that they were asked to pay.

New Business

Health insurance committee report: the international students will be pooling with graduate students so the pool of students is larger and therefore eligible for more insurance plan options

The VP Dr. Varahramyan wants to have a town hall meeting with as many graduate students as possible to hear out any ideas for the future of the graduate school they may have. Senators should ask the students in their department what they would like discussed at this meeting. A poll will be going out to find out what time is best for grad students to meet.