**Graduate Student Association**

**Council Minutes**

**September 8th, 2015 - 7:00 PM**

**JCSU Rita Laden Senate Chambers**

**Total Estimated Time: 120 Minutes**

**Meeting called to order @ 7:08 pm**

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| 1 | **Roll Call** - Taken by Sandesh  
Sandesh Kannan: Present  
Brian Cooper: Present  
Amoolya Rao: Present  
Spencer Lewis: Present  
Tyler Ross: Present  
Rovene Coy: Present  
Liberatus Rwengusaha: Present  
Priya Ahlawat: Present  
Udaya Bhanu Kiran Guntupall: Absent  
Suman Bhunia: Present  
Prasun Dey: Present  
Allison Kahaunani: Present  
Liz Groesbeck: Present  
Nataliia Kasianenko: Present  
Aubrey Etopio: Present  
R. J. Boyajian: Absent  
David Harvey: Present  
Leo Demski: Present  
Rahul Thareja: Present  
Sravan Kanukuano: Present  
Arjun Achaya: Present  
Rezvan Kazemi: Present  
Kylie Rowe: Present | Information |
| 2 | **Public Comment** –  
- Moved to end of meeting  
- Interest from differential tuition committee within engineering department to join with differential committee on GSA  
- Discussion was held to consider moving public comments earlier within the meeting | Information |
<p>| 3 | <strong>Student Achievement Center</strong> – bringing support services into one place: counseling, undergraduate advising, TRIO program, McNairs Scholars, Tudoring/Writing/Math Center, Veteran’s center, Disability Resource Center, Career Center; opening start of Spring semester 2016 | Information |</p>
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<th><strong>Disability Awareness Month Sponsorship</strong> – action tabled, no representatives present</th>
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| 5 | **Club Recognition Request** –  
  - Yuvaraj Reddy proposes UNR Cricket Club and presents constitution  
  - Spencer recommends removing section 4.1 sections indicating “effective date 2016-2017”  
  - Suman recommends changing bullets to letters in constitutions and change 4.2 to say academic year  
  - Liberatus recommends adding waiver requirement into constitution  
  - Rahul makes motion to approve with recommendations  
  - Amoolya seconds  
  - Club acceptance passes unanimously | **Action** |
| 6 | **Approval of Minutes** –  
  - Suman noted that a club name listed in minutes might be incorrect  
  - Priya noted that there needs to be amend in council comments regards lunch box idea  
  - Tyler makes a motion to approve the minutes with noted changes  
  - Brian seconds  
  - Item passes unanimously | **Action** |
| 7 | **GSA Priorities** –  
  - Spencer recommends adding the Ponderosa Village representation as a priority for Relationships and Cohesion  
  - Suman recommends that club events sponsored by GSA should be open to all graduate students *potentially needs to go through Judiciary Committee*  
  - Liberatus suggests having Service Committee working with “I lead Nevada” initiative put on by ASUN  
  - Rahul recommends a possible ad-hoc committee for updating GSA site  
  - Rahul makes a motion to approve the Priorities with noted recommendations  
  - Brian Cooper seconds, motion passes unanimously  
  - David recommends posting it on GSA site | **Information/Action** |
| 8 | **Graduate Student Demographics** – Kylie made a recommendation to have bylaws reviewed by Judiciary Committee to be more flexible in how interdisciplinary and Grad special students should be represented within GSA | **Information** |
| 9 | **Election Open Council Seats** –  
  - Michael Rudokas stands to represent the College of Health Sciences  
  - Suman makes a motion to accept Micahel | **Action** |
- Liz Groezbeck seconds
- Michael is accepted unanimously
- Miho Pannell stands for College of Education
- Pria makes a motion to accept Miho
- Sandesh seconds the motion
- Miho is accepted unanimously

| 10 | Differential Tuition Ad Hoc Committee – |
| 11 | Calendar of Events – tabled to next time |
| 12 | Executive Reports – |
| 13 | Committee Reports – |
| 14 | Council Comments – |
| 15 | Adjournment – Kylie adjourned meeting at 9:41pm |

- Suman discussed creating an ad hoc committee to look at differential tuition, which is a special fee assigned to specific colleges (Business, Engineering, Science)
- Rahul willing to spear head looking into grant funding for differential tuition
- Tyler makes a motion to approve an a differential ad committee
- Brian Cooper seconds
- The motion passes unanimously

- Kylie has mentioned that parking is sold out, we might consider having a Parking Services Rep speak more about this issue
- 60 new faculty members have been hired; deadline for travel awards has been set, September 15 deadline
- TedX student speaker competition is coming up
- ASUN is holding a $10,000 sustainability idea competition
- Tyler has mentioned that binders given out in at the beginning have 15+ years of synthesized GSA data as well information specific to the members and the specific committees they’re on

- Pria mentioned that there are multiple ideas from the Service Committee coming out that graduate students can participate in
- Suman mentioned that the Club Funding Committee has met once already and found a possible discrepancy in club names related to water resources
- Tyler mentioned that we might push for a requirement to have clubs post to one Facebook page as part of their marketing requirement

- David mentioned that the Anthropology Club has requested club status but hasn’t received any reply back from GSA
- A discussion was held to clarify when public comments will be given in the meetings