Date: April 8th, 2022
Time: 0800-0900
Facilitator: UVM Graduate Student Senate Vice President, Miki Beach

Approval of Minutes
Minutes from the March 22nd meeting were approved
  Motion: Holly Paige Chaos
  Second: Baxter Worthing

President’s Update
- Discussion of the President’s Appreciation Event and GSS Awards Banquet
- Reminded students of the GSS Feedback Forum
-Introduced the UVM Staff United resolution from SGA and other correspondence from staff members regarding the staff unionization project to the general body
  o The correspondence was read to the general body
  o Opinions of senators shared on the topic of the correspondence and resolution

Vice President’s Report
- Update on the TA/RA work survey
- Addition of another senate meeting on May 6th
- Graduate student graduate regalia will go online on April 25th
- Update on executive council elections and the nominations for the next year’s exec board

New Business
  • Compensation and Benefits Committee Update
    o Discussion of the committee’s efforts to answer the question: “Where does the money I pay in fees go?”
    o Reviewed the cost of the comprehensive fee ($2036 per year) and the breakdown of how this fee is distributed
- Provided an overview of the process through which the committee has gone to obtain the breakdown of the fees
- Discussion about alternatives to having a comprehensive fee and the impact that halving the fee or drastically reducing it might have on the university’s budget

**Graduate Student Advocacy & Experience Committee Update**
- Discussed the publishing of the Pawbook
- Introduced additional ways to utilize the food sharing funding and the development of the Graduate Student Discord channel
  - Question raised about having options other than Discord for communication within the graduate student community
- Hosting public committee meeting on April 13

**Resolution brought to the floor to remove the name Justin Morrill from Morrill Hall**
- Brought to the floor by Justin Salisbury
- Discussion of the meaning of land grant universities and their relation to colonialism

**Next Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 0849