Graduate Student Senate
Meeting of the Whole
October 2nd, 2019

38 People in Attendance

Executive Council Attendees: Jessica Bocanegra, Avery Rasmussen, Berke Tinaz, Aayudh Das, Kevin Fischer


Representative Attendees: Ekraj Dahal, Kristin Ramb, Humon Heidarian

Minutes were recorded by Berke Tinaz.

Attendance was taken via sign-in sheet.

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Avery Rasmussen at 10:05 am.

Previous meeting minutes were approved unanimously as electronically distributed.

Executive Board Updates

President: Jessica Bocanegra

Introduction of the Occasional Use Parking Pass Program
• Graduate students can purchase a daily parking pass for $2 max 6 times per semester,
• It will well for students who maybe have to stay late to proctor exams or fulfill other TA duties throughout the year.
• Some logistical details are still being worked out by the UVM TPS.

Vice President: Avery Rasmussen

Introduction of the members at large.

• Erin Cullen Member-At-Large Clubs and Reservations Coordinator
• Michell DiPinto Member-At-Large Grads Give Back Coordinator

Senate meetings have openings if the senators are interested in inviting administrators.

Senator’s retreat recap. Action committees were formed;

• Parking and Transportation Committee
• Compensation and Benefits Committee
• Assistantship Support Committee
• Student Mental Health Promotion Committee
• Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Committee
• Graduate Student Life Committee
• Student Workers’ Engagement Committee
• Housing Committee

Secretary: Berke Tinaz

New website.

New logo.

Treasurer Aayudh Das

Gave the overview of the 2019-2020 budget.

Budget was approved unanimously.

Club Recognitions

Renewals

ISA – renewal approved unanimously.

NSA – renewal approved unanimously.

MRS – Concerns about overspending and unplanned budget which has occurred in the previous years were raised. Renewal was tabled with 11 For, 10 Against and 3 abstentions with the motion “table the renewal until a better aligned budget is presented.”

RGSA – renewal approved unanimously.

IRSA – renewal approved unanimously

Women in STEM – renewal approved unanimously
**New Clubs**

Career Mobility Committee (CMC) – approved unanimously.

Graduate Nursing Association (GNA) – approved unanimously.

Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics @ Vermont (oSTEM @ Vermont) – approved unanimously.

English Graduate Student Association (EGSA) – approved with more than two thirds majority.

Bishwash – Dashain night update.

**Dashain Night**

Overview was given by Bishwash Thakuri. October 11th, 2019. Ticket available at the UVM bookstore or through ticket.uvm.edu

*Meeting adjourned at 11:20am.*