**Graduate Student Association - Meeting Minutes**

**01-31-2019 (3:30 pm – 4:30 pm)**

1. **GSA constitution & Org Sync report:**
   * Goal: Update constitution & have it ready for review by next GSA meeting. Has to be turned in before elections. Students will need to be approve this in march.
   * Things which need to be updated:
     + 1. Increase in travel scholarship for GSA officers: $750 ($500 will be paid from GSA account. $250 can possibly come from the fundraising account, if it cannot come from SGA)
       2. Add another position for fund raising. (title: fundraising director)
       3. Revise duties for officers.
   * Org Sync report ready by next meeting. (Caitlyn find out about report) Monica and Caitlyn will work on this.
2. **SRW updates:**
   * One speaker.
   * SRW banquet theme: World of travel.
   * invitations are sent out by email and mail.
   * $4500 donation and, $1500 scholarship. $2000 for 4 $500 scholarships. We will have extra money to pool into it to give even more scholarships.
   * Banquet decorations: Feb-March.
   * Silent auction.
   * We have a Photographer (Neil Hickle), live music, and still working on playlist.
   * Tax exemption forms. (Yes it works!)
3. **Senators:**
   * Updates. (joint conference with all the SGA officers from all campuses and schools coming soon) David has more information on this.
   * Health Care benefits to graduate students. (As of now it’s a NO. but they’re working on stipend increases)
   * Suggestions by faculty: provide microphones and laser pointers. (headsets with the mic) ( put a survey together so that it can be more persuasive to SGA). Put it in first and then we’ll work on the survey. Abilene’s senators can take it up with the students there to answer the survey.
   * Can we get tax exemption on student scholarships?
4. **Travel scholarships:**
   * Polo fundraising updates. (profit $200)
   * Bake Sale in spring. (Caitlyn look to see if we have the dates before March 9th and after SRW (maybe in April). We need another fundraising event for students to get volunteer or fundraising credit.
   * Reminder: 2 fundraising and 2 volunteer credits are needed for travel
   * Maybe add one credit for community service for next year.
5. **Journal Club:** 
   * Spring schedule.
   * Food for one JC from SGA account. ($7 per person)
   * Election: April, dates? April 12
6. **Other:**
   * Stephany: donation for women & child care, any updates? Volunteer credit. (Ends today. Will pack things up the week of Feb. 4th).
   * Volunteers: For FHPE. (can students get IPE credit?) 3 volunteers are needed March 30th.
   * August 2018 IPE event credit? Is it already applied to the student’s transcripts who participated?
   * Hiking trip: need volunteers to help organize a hiking trip, 1st week of April. Casey is organizing this, may need help.
   * Volunteering at: Animal shelter, FOL (March-April).