Agenda
Graduate Student Senate Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 17, 2019
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Clemson University Student Senate Chambers
Attendees: Senators and general public

1. Call to Order—Cody A. Woods, President of the Senate
   a. Meeting begins at 8 pm.
2. Call of the Roll
3. Approval of Previous Minutes
4. Special Guest – Moryah Jackson, Director of Diversity Education, Office of Inclusion and Equity
5. President’s Report—Bryce Conti, Graduate Student Body President
6. Executive Reports
   a. Chief of Staff, Chris Egan
   b. Deputy Chief of Staff, Katie Juriewicz
   c. Director of Communications, Gray Lee
      • Kelly has graduated so please just send event announcements to Gray (vglee@clemson.edu) before 8 am on Monday to be included in the graduate school weekly announcements
   d. Community Outreach, Courtney Allen
      • Monday, January 21, all day – MLK Day of Service Events.
      • Alternative Spring Break Trip: Serve 901 in Memphis, TN. Trip will be from March 16 – March 23 and will cost students $200. We NEED at least 7 more people to sign up. If you sign up, you will need to commit to going because if students don’t actually go, the trip will be cancelled.
      • Please contact Courtney Allen (callen7@clemson.edu) to sign up for these events.
   e. Research Initiatives, Shraddhaa Narasimha and Jaime Idarraga
   f. Director of Finance, Amir Malek
   g. Webmaster, Courtney Linder
7. Steering Reports
   a. GTG Committee, Stephanie Schenck, Awards Chair and John Sherwood, Applicant Reviewer Chair
      • GTG Outcomes from Fall 2018 and Spring 2019:
         • 400 applications received, slightly below an average of 430. We believe this is due to the timing of Thanksgiving break this year.
         • 167 grants awarded (42% of applications)
         • $127.6k awarded so far
         • Below is the breakdown for
• Other GTG News:
  • We ought to be able to award relatively more summer grants this year due in part to better budget management (programmatically, but also within student travel). If the number of applications remains the same, that would mean we may be able to fund as much as 50% of summer applications.
  • We are investigating the effects of switching to a 5-funding period model (currently, we do 3 funding periods)
  • As part of the 5-funding period model, we are investigating the feasibility of modifying our current system OR switching to a Canvas “class” that all students are auto-enrolled in (boosting visibility & awareness, but loss of system functionality)
  • Receipts processing got backed up over the holidays, we're getting caught up
  • Last day to submit Fall 2018 receipts is January 15th
  • We will begin putting together a GTG “customer satisfaction” survey (for lack of a better term) to engage the applicant base about potential improvements.

b. Activities Committee, Sruthy Orozhiyathamuna Agnisarman
  • Tuesday, January 15 - Coffee Break at 9:30 am in the GSC
  • Please Sruthy is working on the events for the semester. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact her at sorozhi@clemson.edu

c. Finance Committee, Anastasia Frank-Kamenetskii
d. Rules and Procedures Committee, John Porter

8. Old Business

9. New Business

10. Other Announcements and Open Remarks

  a. Senate Secretary Ehlert: If you have events that you would like to share with the Graduate Student community, I WILL ADD THEM TO THE MEETING AGENDAS! Please email me at kehlert@g.clemson.edu with what you would like to include, and it will be placed in this section. During the meeting, you can give more details and answer any questions. Items received by Monday at 5 pm will be included in the agenda that will be distributed on Tuesday morning. Other items will be
11. Good of the Senate
12. Adjournment – Adjourns at pm.