General Meeting Minutes Graduate Student Senate

Thursday, October 3, 2019 | Malloy 405 | 7:00-8:00pm

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- Approved Absences: Annika Miyamoto, Krystie Matthews
- Executives: Min, Sabrina, Vivek
- Senator: Chunsheng, Rudra, Monica, KJ, Jennifer, Andy, Victoria, Derek
- School of Law: Travis

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- Motion to approve from Derek
- Seconded by KJ
- Agenda approved

3. Executive Reports

- Annika Miyamoto, President:
  - Approved Absence
- Min Kim, Vice President of Internal Affairs:
  - Actively Looking for Beyond the Hilltop
  - Reminder for Work log/timesheet
  - Board of Trustee Committee Meeting Report
  - Summit feedback
    1. Use more marketing
    2. Post-evaluation
    3. Cater to wider audience and let other schools
       a. Calculate attendance and compare to previous years
- Vivek Pawar, Vice President of Treasury:
  - Event funding
    1. 4 applications
      a. 2 were ineligible
    2. 33 applications for conference funding
      1. 29 approved
      2. 4 declined
- Krystie Matthews, Vice President of External Affairs:
  - Approved absence
- Sabrina Wong, Vice President of Mission:
  - Going to AGUSF meetings
    1. Sign up for meetings on spreadsheet
2. Rudra attended last week
   a. Presentation on Finance and shared Executive meeting reports
   ii. Survey for Graduate Students

----- 5 MINUTE RECESS -----

4. Open Forum: [7:25-8:10]
   ● Presenter: Jeff Hamrick, Vice Provost for Institutional and Planning & Analytics
     ○ email: jhamrick@usfca.edu
   ● Topic: University Budgeting Process
     ○ Planning and budget can be found through search button on myUSF
       ■ Use to find revenue operations and find the direction of where the budget goes to
       ■ See the changes of one fiscal year to the next
       ■ Specified the changing budget and why it occurs
       ■ Raise tuition every year and see the approved recommendations for every year
       ■ Profits are used for campus use
         ● Utilities
         ● Housing
         ● Safety
         ● Maintenance
         ● Also shows school faculty and staff audits
       ■ Graduate and undergraduate budget does not cycle back into the school, but rolls over to the next year
       ■ Budget is reallocated to make budget cuts
         ○ Add money to financial aid or add to salary of faculty and staff to keep them at USF
         ○ Lower discount rate for graduate than undergraduate because of smaller range of scholarship to students
         ○ Percentage of debt due to sophomore residence hall being built
           ■ Should be paid off soon after finished construction
       ○ Questions and Answers:
         ■ Do we have reserves? -Rudra
           ● Operating reserve
             ○ Saved money used to cover enrollment shortage
             ○ Used to occasionally accommodate additional disability needs
           ● Restrictive reserve
             ○ Used to cover new opportunities or emergencies
             ○ Ex. Insurance reserve, debt reserves
         ■ How are Capital Campaigns decided? -Min
           ● Many gave in priorities and were then sorted through and decided on
             ○ Scholarships, Harney,
           ● Scholarships, building upgrades/construction, relieve operating scholarships
● Gifts will sometimes have restrictions
  ○ Ex. Basketball courts for players and non-players
■ What area of the chart are the branch campus rent being paid for?
  -Rudra
  ● Done by total compensation budget
■ Are there any recent budget cuts?
  ● Not publicized
■ Why is housing stock so small compared to auxiliary revenue? -Derek
  ● We only house the majority of 1st year students
  ● We only house one third of other year students
  ● It can quadruple or quintuple if we were to theoretically house all students.
● School of Law inquiring of representation in GSS: Travis from School of Law
  ○ How can Law School be a part of GSS?
    ■ Having a meeting with executives
    ■ Having additional contact within the next week
  ○ Why is Law School Senate separate from GSS?
    ■ Minimum to unknown history
    ■ Graduate student bus pass and Bon Appetit shows Law School interest towards GSS
    ■ Benefits of being included and having more contact with administrators
      ○ Ask for understanding of possible additional fee
      ○ Student Bar association would be kept or disband the association

5. Advisor Reports
   Nick Heng, Assistant Director of Student Government, Student Leadership and Engagement
   Approved Absence

6. Announcements

7. Adjournment
[8:10]