

January General Assembly Meeting Minutes

"All Graduate Students are Members Automatically"

Friday January 26th, 2018 @ 3pm

Location: Bernhard Center - Room 157

Late Lunch served at 2:45 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - Parliamentarian - Stephanie Haft. 3:07 p.m.

- II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS Parliamentarian Stephanie Haft
- a. The previous minutes were approved as written.
- b. The current agenda was approved.
- III. 3M THESIS COMPETITION Director of Professional Development Thi Tran GSA Director of Professional Development, Thi Tran encouraged graduate students to participate in the "Three Minutes Thesis Competition" that will take place on Wednesday, February 28^{th,} 2018, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., in room #208, Bernhard Center. Information was provided about the application process and the dateline for applications. To know more, please visit:

IV. TOBACCO-FREE POLICY CONTEST - Director of P.R. - Johnny Reyes

GSA Director of Public Relations, Johnny Reyes provided information about the Tobacco Free policy video contest. To know more, please visit: how, when and what the prizes are for the Tobacco-Free PSA free video contest. To know more, please visit: Tobacco Free Policy Contest.

V. SUSTAINABILITY GRANT. - Kate Denney- Sustainability office.

Kate Denney from the Office for Sustainability explained the Sustainability Grant as a tool for undergraduate and graduate peers to promote a campus culture of sustainability. Information about the dateline to submit applications, and the prizes were provided. Graduate students were encouraged to apply for this grant. For more info, please visit: Sustainability Grant.

VI. HILLTOP JOURNAL - Hilltop Review Editor - Christina Collins

Hilltop Review Editor, Christina Collins provided information about the publication of the journal's fall issue.

Graduate students whose papers were not included in this issue are still eligible to be
included in the spring issue, given they perform the suggested corrections. To know
more, please visit: <u>Hilltop Review Journal</u>.

VII. WEEKEND OF SERVICE – Director of Outreach – Ruth Buntin

Director of Outreach, Ruth Buntin expressed appreciation to the graduate students who worked as volunteers serving the Kalamazoo community during fall GSA community outreach event.

Information was provided about:

- Activities for the spring 2018 GSA community outreach weekend.
- 2018 GSA SERVICE EVENT: a donation drive for the Rickman House that will be held at the next GSA General meeting on February 23th, from 3-4 p.m. Info was provided about the items that

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Some graduate students were concern with not being able to have their name (as it is
only one name) on their students' IDs and Dissertations even though the state of
Michigan recognizes individuals with one-name-only.

XI. SPRING EVENTS – Director of Events – Craig Morris

GSA Director of Events, Craig Morris announced next GSA Spring events:

- Free massages.
- The Lion King Musical at the Miller Auditorium.
- Make a Difference Award ceremony.

XII. TEST YOUR GSA KNOWLEDGE ACTIVITY - President - Amaury Pineda

President, Amaury Pineda randomly selected graduate students to participate in the:

- TEST YOUR GSA KNOWLEDGE ACTIVITY.
- Surprise prizes were raffled among the graduate students present.

XII. ADJOURNMENT - Parliamentarian - Stephanie Haft 4:04 p.m.