

**Graduate Student Association
General Membership Meeting**

February 15, 2016

Number of students in attendance: 57

1. Caroline Hearnberger, Director of International Services, discussed the various opportunities her office is available to assist international students with.
2. President Christina Hillesheim introduced members of the executive committee and requested each member briefly detail their responsibilities on the executive committee for those who may be interested in running for the position.
3. President Christina discussed the “Share the Bus” event that the Student Association is hosting to provide students with bus rides to close airports.
4. Caragh Boyles, a representative from the MSU Career Center, discussed opportunities available for students through the career center.
5. President Christina Hillesheim discussed upcoming meeting dates with members present. Upcoming executive committee elections will be on March 7th, 2016.
6. President Christina Hillesheim discussed the upcoming Graduate Student Research Symposium. Date, times, and opportunities to participate were discussed. Deadline for submissions to the GSRS is March 11th, 2016.
7. President Christina Hillesheim informed members present that Graduate Student Appreciation Week is April 4 – 8, 2016.
8. President Christina Hillesheim discussed upcoming workshops through the Center for Teaching and Learning, ORED, and the Writing Center with students present. If a workshop is full, students are encouraged to contact Christina Hillesheim for assistance in attending.
9. President Christina Hillesheim discussed upcoming service projects for the semester. No set event is scheduled for March but opportunities for service will be provided. April’s event will be at the Palmer Home for Children in Columbus on April 16, 2016.
10. President Christina Hillesheim discussed upcoming social events for the semester. February’s event will be the breakout games in Birmingham, Alabama. Final decisions to attend must be made tonight after the meeting. March will be Trivia Night at Lost Pizza Company on March 8th, 2016 from 7 pm to 9 pm. The event in April will be an ice cream social on campus on April 27, 2016 from 1 pm to 3 pm.
11. President Christina Hillesheim opened up the floor for student concerns. Graduate students expressed concern regarding the costs of student insurance. Students indicated that it may be more efficient to charge the amount to their account and allow payments versus having to pay a large lump sum up front.
12. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.