

Graduate Student Association

General Body Meeting

September 10, 2012

- I. Attendance: 45
- II. Call to Order: 5:15pm
- III. Introduction of officers
 - a. Thomas Sellers- President
 - b. Vemitra White- Vice-President
 - c. LeAnn Alexander- Social Event Chair
 - d. Roseanne Scammahorn- Treasurer (Absent)
 - e. John Harper- Secretary (Absent)
- IV. Dr. Coats- shared upcoming events that were available for graduate students to participate in
 - a. Thursday, September 13, 2012: Full Bright Study Abroad representative will be on campus to share with students various opportunities to study abroad.
 - i. Location: Griffis Hall Room 401 10am-11am
 - ii. Informational workshop will take place in the Union room 330 1-2pm
 - iii. Jointly sponsored with the International Institute
 - b. November 1, 2012: Hosting a roundtable discussion during Academic Integrity Week.
 - i. Our very own, Thomas Sellers, will serve as the moderator.
 - ii. More information to come at later date
- V. Foundation of the Graduate Student Association
 - a. Serve as advocates for the entire graduate student population

- b. Serve as liaison between the students and the Office of the Graduate school
- c. Travel Assistance Grants (TAGGs)
 - i. Available to graduate students who need funds for traveling to conferences to present
 - ii. Apply in ample time
- d. Graduate Council
 - i. 1 student from each academic department to represent on the council
 - ii. Serve as the “voice” of the graduate students
 - iii. Contact Thomas Sellers for more info or if interested

VI. Social Events

- a. GSA will provide food and beverages at each general body meeting.
- b. There will be two socials during the semester (off-campus)
- c. GSA will host a Homecoming Tailgate tent. More information closer to date

VII. Logo

- a. GSA is in need of a new logo
- b. It was suggested that we go through University Relations to obtain a logo
- c. We will gather a few designs that vote for final decision

VIII. Next Meeting

- a. Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 5:15pm
- b. McCool Room 130

IX. Social Networking

- a. Twitter account @MSUGSA

X. Comments/Concerns

- a. Community service opportunities are available through the Maroon Volunteer Center.
- b. The question was raised about MSU's health insurance procedures, as well as, if the graduate students were able to see an itemize list of student activities fees.