**General Assembly Meeting**

*Graduate and Professional Student Senate*

8-24-23, 5-7PM

**Prior General Assembly Meeting**

8-24-23, 5-7PM, hybrid in the GLC MPR and over zoom

**In attendance**

President | Rachel Maizel

Vice President | Yohan Sequeira

Senators: 37 senators, 4 proxy, 6 guests

Quorum reached: Yes

**Motions**

**Amend agenda**

* Passed with 24 in favor

**General Notes**

**Orientation:**

* See attached slides for basic orientation information
* Join GSBB! Need two students from specified schools
  + Contact our director of finance to sign up or fill out the committee form!
* This year’s initiatives
  + Analyze stipends for the 5% raise and figure out what to do to get people their 5% raises, make sure that people also get their minimum wage
  + Living wage task force implementation
    - Fee reduction waiver to also increase wage
  + Climate culture study
    - Need to figure out what is going on in individual departments
    - What kinds of problems are people facing
  + Accountability for some student organizations
    - Try and reduce hateful speech and increase accountability
  + Escape toxic advisor and more emergency funds
  + Increase parking for graduate students
  + Food security
    - More food security for graduate students
  + Many more, see slides for details

**New Ad-Hoc Committee**

* Climate and culture committee, please sign up for the climate and culture committee
  + Need help advertising and analyzing the results of the survey
  + Please sign up for the survey
  + Want to uncover issues that we can solve with policy
* Stipend analysis survey
  + Need to sift through data for the stipends and make sure people are getting raises
  + Want people to help
* Housing survey
  + Need people to analyze the housing survey data that is remaining
  + Open to all people - please let people who are good at analyzing data come through

**Exec Board Reports:**

* Finance
  + We are allocated 24k and generate 71k through GPSF
    - Have spent around 6k
    - GSBB - given 100k and have allocated 28k through early events
* Programs
  + Sign up for the programs committee
    - Need people to run GRDP reviews and TFP reviews
  + Need two more people to help wrap up the fall reviews
  + Applications due for symposium chair are due September 1st, doesn’t have to be on GPSS, comes with a $700 total stipend
* Events
  + GPSF happening October 2nd, generates a lot of funds, recruiters from other schools come to recruit out undergrads
  + General socials happening in mid to late september and october
  + Tacos with the dean happening
  + Oops at the BBQ line, but its ok
* Communications
  + Spent three hours to download fonts, so lots of cool communications flyers
  + Made some good flyers
    - Vision poster and living wage poster
  + Looking for some people to join the communications committee, want people with graphic design experience
  + Follow us on social media

***Old Business***

* None, this is the first meeting!

***New Business***

* Edits to bylaws, need to read through the bylaws and make comments by the 31st
* Caroline will be the elections CZAR
  + Vote approved by the senate Caroline is the new elections CZA

**Closing Remarks**

* Make sure to communicate with your constituents
* Anonymous feedback form, can send it out to your constituents

**Signed:**

