**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:**

