

Graduate Student Council (GSC)

Meeting with Leadership Team (Minutes of Meeting)

Memorial Union Coffee Shop, Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Attendees: Ramnarain Ramakrishna (RR), Asif Arshid (AA), Muhammad Asif Khan (MAK), Vickie Conner (VC), Rahul Raj Singh (RRS)

Absents: Achintyamugdha Sharma and Jiyan Muhammad

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Ram, Acting President GSC.

GSC Annual Research Symposium:

Keeping in view the back to back events of similar natures by Graduate School (An Interdisciplinary Celebration of Research) and GSC's Annual Research Symposium on Nov 18th and 19th, an urgent meeting of GSC Leadership team was called to discuss the matter and come up with a decision. Different prospects of the matter were discussed and presented below:

RR informed that Diwali Night (Indian Student Association's event) is on Nov 19th as well, however there is no direct clash with their timings, but people may be busy with their commitments for the event.

RR shared that Graduate School has suggested to hold the GSC's Annual Research Symposium on the same day as 3-minute thesis competition, however RRS showed concerns of getting proper attention to our event, especially the oral presentation segment.

AA stressed that keeping in view the sustainability and periodicity of this Annual event, it was suggested to shift to spring (Feb) to get some extra time to plan it well and advertise properly. He also commented that budget from Graduate school might also get approved by then, and we will be in a good position to decide the expense on the Symposium.

RR shared the comments of Achintyamugdha (who himself was absent) that faculty is also little hesitant to be in judging/review committees on Nov 19th as it is a Weekend.

Following all this conversation and discussion, all the attendees unanimously agreed to hold the Symposium in Spring-2017 (February). The final date will be decided later by the Research Forum and Award and Recognition Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.