Graduate Student Council (GSC)
Meeting with Executive Advisors (Minutes of Meeting)
Putnam Hall 202, Monday, November 14, 2016

Attendees:
Dr. Claudia Tomany (CT), Dean, Graduate School, Claudia.Tomany@ndsu.edu
Dr. Brandy A. Randall (BR), Associate Dean, Graduate School, brandy.randall@ndsu.edu
Dr. Gary Smith (GS), Dean, Engineering School, gary.smith@ndsu.edu
Dr. Paul B. Kelter (PK), Director Office of Teaching and Learning, paul.kelter@ndsu.edu
Nonnie Tangen (NT), Business and Operations Manager, Graduate School, nonnie.tangen@ndsu.edu
Amy L. Nash, (AN), Asif Arshid (AA),

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am by Dr. Claudia Tomany, Dean Graduate School.

Introduction of GSC’s New President:
CT introduced new president Amy L. Nash (AN) to the executive advisers. She explained the reasons of this transition and election process. She informed the advisers about the GSC’s General Body meeting last week and shared her experience of the election process. She appreciated AA for his efforts in regards to the process.

Budget review:
AN will yet to review the budget and discuss with EF. CT explained the overview of the budget breakdown. She asserted to consult within your executive board and discussed it thoroughly.

Health Insurance:
CT explained her involvement in the NDUS committee, dealing with the renewal of healthcare provider’s contract, which is expiring next summer. CT described the process of buying Health coverage as part Affordable Care Act. She express hope of positive inputs by the new hiring of Vice Chancellor Student Affairs in NDUS. She highlighted his standpoints in the committee that are monthly payments based mechanism and reducing the annual premium to around $ 1000 per annum. She shared the experience of presentation by two representatives of United HealthCare to the committee. She is hoping separation of Domestic and International student coverage plans from next year. She encouraged to speak to Sara Johnson in ISSAS office, who is also in the same committee representing NDSU at NDUS.

Miscellaneous Topic:
• NT requested new group phot of GSC executive board for GSC’s website.
• Two major events this week are taking place by Graduate School, firstly a Poster presentation in MU this Friday for both graduate and UG students and secondly, a series of lectures/presentations by Dr. Aprille Ericsson from NASA on Thursday and Friday. It is asked to advertise the events on GSC social media.
• Fund raising event by Grad School on 28th Nov as Giving Day. Social media channels are requested to use for advertising this event too.
• BR suggested GSC can request bigger and early room reservation in MU for their general body meetings as well as their bigger events.
• Regarding inducting departmental ambassadors of GSC, CT offered that Grad School can share Listserve of departmental leaders with GSC for easy and quick communication.
• Christine Paranica, from Ombudsperson office, is also working on the topic of “Conflict management between Advisors and Advisee”. GSC PR Development is encouraged to collaborate with her and learn from her experience.

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- CT suggested to consult within and come up with a clear standing on the matter of becoming a part of student government under the umbrella of CSO. BR added that even if we are out of this umbrella, all rules of Student government still apply to GSC.
- CT shared another concern of students which is under discussion in University management that is Airport pick up. She exchanged two likely option which are under consideration, (1) taxi voucher (2) some group, who will be voluntarily and personally take care of this service. She also suggested that GSC can set up an event on social media to reach out almost 140 international students, who are coming Spring-2017. ISSAS office is seeking volunteers for greeting new comers on Jan 2nd and 3rd.

Adjourned:
Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

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