

# Graduate Student Council (GSC)

## General Body Meeting Minutes

214-A Main Library

November 7, 2016

Meeting called to order at 12:10 am by Asif Arshid.

### **Dean Graduate School (Dr. Claudia Tomany)**

- She informed the students about their upcoming events, like a lecture/webinar by Max Bernstein from NASA on “How to Apply for NASA Funding” on Nov 14 at 2:00 – 3:30 pm in QBB 422.
- Another big event in coming days is “Solving Real World Problems” an interdisciplinary Celebration of Research on Nov 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in Memorial Union, which also include a poster competition.
- She also briefed on the updates of health insurance issue, which she is advocating for International and Graduate students on the floor of North Dakota University System (NDUS).

### **Report from President-Elect (Ramnarain Ramakrishna)**

- None

### **Report from Treasurer (Eduardo Faundez)**

- He informed the attendees that budget is get approved by Graduate School. He will explain the committee co-chairs soon about the process of utilization of funds and their subsequent reimbursements.

### **Report from Scribe (Asif Arshid)**

- He requested the co-chairs to submit the minutes of their committee meetings.
- He informed the attendees that GSC received two applications for the President position; Amy L. Nash and Nasim Sourfizadeh.
- He explained the election process; each candidate will be given 2 minutes to speak about motivation to run President-GSC and their strengths and weaknesses, which will follow question and answer session. While one candidate will be speaking, the other will step outside the room.
- Voting will be conducted by raising their hands against each candidate.

### **Election for President:**

- Both candidates were given 2 minutes to speak for their platforms, followed by Q&A session.
- Dr. Claudia was requested to act as a voting commissioner to count the number of votes for each candidate.
- Amy Nash won the elections by majority vote (12 – 10) and became the president of GSC for the remaining academic year 2016-17.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.