

## 11/17/16 Senate Agenda

Encourage all sub committees to write their events on the calendar. Make it formal through some sort of writing.

The order of business for all meetings of the council shall be as follows:

- A: Call to order by the presiding officer
- B: Approval of minutes from the last meeting
- C: Old business
- D: New business
- E: Reports of committees/representatives
- F: Class business
- G. Date for next meeting

### **1. old business - mini kahlon, bazzell, other things?**

- a. Email Mini Kahlon's admin about 11/28-11/30 lunch
- b. Communication - learn about class listserv and/or create one for our class
- c. Coffee break
- d. Constitution working meetings- week of 12/11 post NBME exam

### **2. setting up a design for our meetings. standard agenda with rotating visitors from curriculum, other committees.**

- a. Minutes posted on bulletin boards in Society rooms and email by listserv
- b. Meetings- 2 per month going forward: one for closed business, one for open comment.
  - i. Open meeting- solicit reports from committee members, student groups, student body and invite/announce in advance
  - ii. Hold separate constitution working meetings

### **3. read report from noah that he'll email after GSA tonight.**

Hi Brooke,

Here we go:

#### **What GSA is about**

The Graduate School Assembly is fundamentally concerned with the rights and issues of graduate students (go figure). However, GSA is also involved in a variety of legislation that impacts undergrads, Austin, and Texas as a state via lobbying the Texas Legislature, University leaders, and media organizations.

GSA meetings also serve as a forum for departments to announce events, statements, and float questions for the assembly to address.

#### **What I do**

Voting. My role as a representative is to (ahem) represent the interests of Dell Med by casting my vote accordingly. Should the need arise, I can also introduce legislation.

I can also make announcements to support any of our events that are open to the public. I can imagine that some of Dell Med's student groups may want to broaden beyond our group of 50.

If we are looking for interdisciplinary partnerships for initiatives, I think GSA is a great place to find that.

### Examples of legislation

- Accommodations for graduate students who are parents.
- Reaffirming support for an inclusive campus and affirmative action.

In brief: I think there is a lot of potential for GSA to serve as an integration point for Dell Med.

Let me know your thoughts.

Best,  
Noah

### NEXT MEETING:

- 4. start talking through constitution sections. come tomorrow (if you can) having spent 15-30 minutes reading/pondering what you want to include in your sections, and the questions that consideration raises.**
- 5. i propose we use the time during senate meetings left at the end (up to the 1 hour mark) to work little by little through constitutional questions and thoughts, section by section, up until we're done.**
- 6. talk about a longer, dinner meeting to wrap constitution after break? (the long one) the goal until then would be to work through specific questions with group, section by section, so writing can get done and we'll use the big group time to form the whole doc.**