

GSA DA Meeting Minutes
September 31, 2022
5:30 – 7:00 PM
Grad Pad (SSB 350)

This meeting was moderated by GSA Internal Vice President, Lorenzo Booth. Minutes of the meeting have been prepared by GSA Internal Vice President, Lorenzo Booth.

Members of Delegate Assembly in attendance:

Lorenzo Booth (IVP)
Jordan Collignon (MATH)
Ariell Smith (MBSE)
De Zhen Zhou (PHYS)

General attendance:

I. Introductory remarks

- A. Delegate Assembly starts for this academic year. Responsibilities include ratifying proposals from the Executive Council and conveying news and remarks from the individual graduate groups to the GSA and the broader graduate student body.
- B. We currently only have 6/19 graduate groups represented. 4/7 current members of DA are currently present for a quorum. Representatives for the other graduate groups are either elected internally (within the graduate groups) or in the general election.

II. Updates from representatives

- A. Physics (De Z.) – First time in GSA, briefed about duties from past representative.
- B. Math (Jordan C.) – Returning to GSA, as a representative this time
- C. MBSE (Ariel S.) – Representative last year, returning to DA

III. Discussions

- A. *Vote:* Proposal to change parliamentary procedure from Robert's Rules to casual discussion with majority vote (DA only)
 - **PASSED**
- B. *Vote:* Proposal to offer remote (zoom) option for DA meetings (DA only)
 - **PASSED**
- C. *Vote:* Proposal to start special elections for vacant EC/DA positions (from EC)
 - **PASSED**
 - Will reach out to student affairs for nominations/ballot
 - Will reach out to graduate chairs for nominations
- D. Increasing DA autonomy (LB, JC, DZ)
 - A challenge for the DA has long been attendance and sufficient attendance to have a quorum
 - Appears that DA has no clear direction aside from ratifying EC proposals
 - Potential for DA to create proposals for EC to ratify
 - and/or an ability to revise proposals from EC
- E. Suggest guide for graduate groups that do not have student representation on faculty committees (LB, JC, AS, DZ)
 - GSA can make a guide inspired by grad. groups that are already doing it

- Research if there is graduate student representation on various executive committees within member graduate groups
- F. Notes to EC (LB, JC)
- From previous years, graduate dean has set aside one seat on Graduate Dean's Advisory Council on Diversity (GDACD) for a GSA representative. However, Dean wants to stress that this position should not be exclusively reserved for the GSA Climate, Diversity, and Equity (CDE) officer. In other words, anyone from GSA should be allowed to serve on this committee if they so desire.

IV. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM