

# Graduate Student Senate (GSS)

Feb. 13, 2018, 10:00am-11:30am

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Meeting Minutes

## I. Call to order (10:05am)

**A. Check-ins:** Jovana (Pres.), Andrea (Financial), Myles (Community), Jordan (COLSA), Drummond (CEPS), Emily (COLA), Dominic (CEPS), Sumeyra (nominee for CEPS), Nate (Ex. Relations), Jin (VP), Jacob (Communications), Gökhan (Paul), Beth (COLA), Carina (Grad School)

**B. Approval of minutes: affirmed**

## II. Announcing Sumeyra Gok as new CEPS senator nominee (10:10am)

## III. Internal committees check-in and reports (10:15am)

### A. Finance Committee:

1. Talks with Admin & Finance indicate possibility of accessing emergency fund, funding from unspecified gifts

### B. Programming Committee:

1. Some people suggest looking for other locations for First Thursday, as we have been very crowded - this is a good news problem, because it means the event is popular! Myles is going to see about trying out a new location (Andrea asked that he get estimates of cost for food).

### C. Communications Committee:

1. Gökhan offered to use Instagram to replicate GSS web, FB, Twitter material
2. Jacob will look into creation of LinkedIn account for GSS
3. Nate suggests creation of specific email addresses linked to positions rather than using personal emails - would allow for archiving and continuity during and after transitions. Should this be a Communications Committee effort?

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### **D. Governance Committee:**

1. Jin suggests sending email from GSS to encourage students to join/form organizations

### **E. Health & Wellness Committee:**

1. Working toward Dental and Childcare, Wellness programming
  - a) Found a 2016 report with shaky justification for not including dental in SHBP (i.e., did not break out graduate population from the total student body)
  - b) Faculty Senate produced a report calling for more research into affordable childcare options (may be possible to link childcare efforts to President's Status of Women commission)

## **IV. GSS space (10:40am) (Yoka)**

### **A. Move in date is March 13!**

1. We have \$20K to use, but we aren't sure we can or want to use it for furnishing a space - Andrea will attend SAARC tomorrow, and will see whether we lose that money next year if we don't use it.

## **V. Visit from Sylvia Foster, Educational Program Coordinator for Community, Equity, and Diversity (11:00am)**

### **A. Visit postponed**

## **VI. Additional Notices:**

- A.** Graduate School Lecture Series: Diversity Workshop (Wed Feb 21, 1-3)
- B.** Navigating Bias: performance by Power Play (3:10-5:00pm)

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**VII. Adjourn (11:30am)**