

GSC Governing Board Mtg.

28 April 2020 / 5 - 6 PM / Graduate Student Commons via Zoom

Attendees

Ryan VH., Alexandra, Brynna, Daniel C., Daniel A., Fiona, Giselle, Harrison, Rachel, Sara, Sona, Thomas, Ryan P., Jim Moore.

Zoom Considerations

1. Please mute your mic when not speaking.
 - Press and hold the spacebar to temporarily unmute.
2. Voting mechanism
 - Motion will be typed into chat, voting members will type “yay” “nay” or “abstain” to vote.

Agenda

3. [Review and approve E-board minutes](#)
 - Motioned, 2nded, approved.
4. Vote in new voting members: Must attend (2) GSCGB meetings + meet stipulations of a committee of interest (programming, outreach, finance) to receive \$100
5. President:
 - Changes to bylaws
 - **Proposal 1: Amend bylaw 2.2 (to clarify absentee and proxy votes)**
 - Voting members must be present (physically or virtually) in order to cast a vote. No absentee or proxy votes are allowed (meaning, members cannot cast a vote on behalf of a voting member that is not present in the meeting).
 - Rachel: Virtually? By email, chat, Zoom?
 - Brynna: Implied Video-conference?
 - Ryan: Yes, real time engagement.
 - Harrison: Adding “synchronous.”
 - Major question, 2 weeks notice before vote, needs $\frac{2}{3}$ maj.
 - Amending to: Voting members must be present (physically or virtually) in order to cast a vote. *All votes must be synchronously cast.* No absentee or proxy votes are allowed (meaning, members cannot cast a vote on behalf of a voting member that is not present in the meeting).
 - Giselle motions to vote on this at next meetings, 2nded. Passes.

- Proposal 2: Add bylaw 2.2.1 that allows for electronic voting
 - In the event that the governing board needs to vote on a matter outside of governing board meetings, an executive officer may make a motion via email to the governing board. After the motion is seconded via email, voting members have 2 full business days to reply by email to the chair (only) to cast their votes. If a majority vote is reached before 2 full business days, the Chair may close the vote early. At the close of the voting period, the Chair will announce to the board that voting has closed and whether the motion passed or failed on the stipulation that at least 5 votes have been cast. If after 2 days, there are not at least 5 votes, then the vote is tabled.
 - Fiona: Emailing vote to who?
 - Ryan: To the chair.
 - Giselle: Might be better to reply all.
 - Ryan: RR allows for secret ballot.
 - Fiona: Replying all allows for conversation, which shouldn't happen.
 - +Brynna: Blind voting, controlling for persuasion.
 - +Harrison.
 - Daniel: What happens if 5 votes aren't cast?
 - Does the voting period remain open? Voting period would close, need to be remotioned.
 - Fiona: Yes, no, abstain?
 - Rachel: Couldn't an emergency meeting be applicable?
 - Ryan: Email opens it up so that people are able to give input, if not able to attend the meeting.
 - Brynna motions to vote at next meeting. 2nded. Passes.
- Elections for executive officer positions
 - President/Chair
 - Vice-President/Outreach Committee Chair
 - Treasurer/Finance Committee Chair
 - Programming Committee Chair
 - Voting is scheduled for the second to last meeting of the academic year (May meeting) for one year terms starting July 1st.
 - Promoting through newsletter, stand-alone, and providing google forms.
 - Elections will be conducted in the same way as in-person.
- Ishani has stepped down from Programming Chair and Governing Board member.
 - Article 3.1 stipulates that the position defaults to VP.
 - What happens with stipend?

- Rachel: Making this more specific, opportunity to amend the constitution.
- Fiona: Good idea to review stipend article, and propose amendments regarding mid-quarter changes. Preparing for future years. Make it clear with new language. Sub-committee?
- Rachel: Currently vague.

6. Programming

- Virtual Karaoke
 - An outside grad student wants to host this, perhaps we could help and advertise.
 - +alexandra
- Virtual Animal Therapy
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- Virtual CBD (Coffee Bagel Donuts)
 - Running list of guests/speakers.
 - Overlap with other events on campus?
 - No free food.
 - -giselle, shouldn't happen
- Virtual game night
 - +Ryan, willing to take the lead.
 - Ideas: Jackbox.
 - +daniel, alexandra.
- Virtual Trivia
 - Zoom Trivia with experienced trivia host, fee, hard to setup for PO.
 - Otherwise, websites already supporting this, but need hosting.
- Career Center / CITL / Turn CV into Resume:
 - More workshops with Remy Franklin?
 - Well attended. Seemed to be a lot of interest in Remy's Coaching Series, but poor timing/length.
 - Rachel: Remy wanted people to be able to commit to the series. Previous events were large group, one-off workshops. 22 committed to series. Duplication of previous in-person workshops? Fees for virtual Zoom TBD, consider graddiv helping to contribute.
- Difficulty in putting on events.
 - Shifting to focus on promoting other on-campus events.
- Sara: Spending money on events this quarter? Or save for when we can come back. Recurring events reduce turn-out.

- Sona: Other than Remy, no money cost to us.
- Thomas: OPERS provides free online fitness classes. 50 - 60 sign ups. 30 - 40 turn out.
- Virtual FF:
 - Breakout rooms each with different activities.
 - Students have expressed interest in online social hour.
 - Capturing FF online seems idealistic, need to be creative.
 - If in June, time to think about it. John (The Office) did prom online.
 - Simultaneous activity would be less awkward. GSC members in rooms hosting.

7. Treasurer:

- Sub-committee on restructuring the GSC, meetings, goals, priorities.
- Fill out this [survey](#) of what you think the GSC's purpose should be
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- Fill out this [Google Doc](#) of what it takes to put on different events
 - Providing detailed breakdown tasks needed to hold certain events.
 - POs, timing, volunteer sheets.
 - Planning events with other groups, collaborations, ourselves, etc.

8. Vice President & Outreach:

- Surveying Grads
 - Questions about the board and graduate students' interest in events.
 - [Do you know any events occurring on campus that you would like us to promote?](#)
 - Is there worth in putting together a survey?
 - What types of events are graduate students interested in attending during the online instruction period?
 - Too many support events? Prof. Development? Socials?
- Advertising outside events
 - Which outside events are worth highlighting?
 - OPERS's online fitness workshops
 - [Is it worth it to put a survey out to students?](#)
 - [Giselle: Include survey in a newsletter](#)
 - [Ryan: How many responses will we actually get?](#)
 - [Giselle: Low, but the people responding are our attendees.](#)
 - [Daniel & Sara: In past: Many requests from outside groups. How do we determine which events to post/hold/adhere to?](#)

- Rachel: Campus events, possibly linking here so we don't have to decide.
- Sona: Putting a note at the beginning of NL explaining why we are promoting outside events.
- OPERS seems graduate related.
- Outreach + Programming will try to set some rules about promoting outside events and bring it back to the board.

9. Building Updates:

- Iveta rent abatement
 - Tenant needed some clarification.
- Board members haven't submitted stipend forms.

10. GradLab Updates:

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11. Other announcements:

12. Motion to adjourn, 2nded, passes.

Next Meeting

Governing Board: May 19th, 2020 (5-6 pm) via Zoom