GSG Meeting 10/7/15  
Meeting Called to Order at: 12:03 pm  
Approval of Minutes from 9-30-15: Approved: 26  Opposed:0  Abstaining: 0  

Vice President: Tentative dates for GradExpo are the 25th and 26th of April and will tentatively be held at the Cross Insurance Center  

BOT: Still waiting to hear back from undergraduates about Spring Break survey, this is our first time having a cross-campus survey and it has been going well  

Grants: Deadline was last Friday, grants are being processed and packets have been sent out.  
University Research Council Meeting on Friday.  
Grants will be reviewed in late October and early November  

Treasurer: Budget was approved  
One check deposited.  
Last year's expo was less than $500 over budget, excomm is working to redistribute the budget for the Expo to make it better for less cost.  

OPD: Workshop arena- hoping to do 3 this semester: sexual harassment awareness, maintaining a professional presence online, stress management  
Socials: No separate socials for Oct/Nov. Combined social for Halloween Pub Crawl Oct 30 5 p.m.. Fliers available to senators. Facebook page in the making.  

Secretary: Potential Google Group to use in place of FirstClass  

Senator Updates: Friday 3:15 pm Physics club  
5-6 tomorrow Bear's Den Pub GBA, faculty and students socializing and networking. Some appetizers provided. Tailgating event for homecoming, alumni welcome.  
Guest seminar 11 Chemistry  
English- New writing series. Fiction Writer coming tomorrow at 4:30 Steward Commons  
Math- Colloquium Wed. at 3:30 in Engineering Hall  
Friday 12 Nutting 204- Forestry in China and multi-disciplinary discussion  

Introduction of undergraduate student representative (Archie Powers).  
Undergraduate- Partnered with athletics to sponsor tailgates and parade for homecoming  
Circulating spring break survey  
Developing a first year leadership development program  
Collegiate Readership App now available  

President: Spring Break Survey results summary found in Rep Folder  
GSG Budget Loss presentation: Loss from inflation and loss from decrease in enrollment  
Not everyone pays activity fees, 75-80% correlation between the loss of students and loss of revenue  
$11.17 deficit per semester per student  
Overall loss projected around $21,000 for one semester (around $38,000 for the year  
GSG will not be able to maintain the same level of support through the Grants program  
Students saying they do not have access to the benefits covered by the activity fee: More
money is being given out through grants and clubs and organizations than is being brought in, which comes from the activity fee. Socials and workshops are funded in a different manner.

GSG tries to fund at least 2/3 of grant applications, increase in activity fee will raise this number.

When all money from last year’s budget is gathered, it will be just over $3000 over budget. This is after cuts were made to the budget, and more cuts have been made.

Discussion: We are not going over budget by $21,000; we have lost the ability to fund things by $21,000 due to inflation.

Decrease in students has not changed the amount of desired funding.

Could be presented as purchasing power

$20 investment from the $40 would help to grow the overall funds

GSG needs more exposure about what they do and how the money will help students as well as how the GradExpo benefits students.

For options 2&3- 50% of the proposed increase would come in year one, with the second in year 2, and that will hopefully be maintained.

Why are students being held accountable for the university's loss of students?- This is a trend in academia all across the country, partially from the economy doing better. Scott Delcourt can discuss this in more depth at the next meeting.

Open Forum next Wednesday at 12 in Stodder to discuss potential increase in activity fee.

If money trend continues and activity fee proposal is denied, grants may have to be cut as early as next year.

Inflation should be factored in on stipends as well as the activity fee (Raise is stipend is a continuous conversation, but a sensitive topic) 

A vote will be held in two weeks to determine if the GSG wants to move forward to present options for an activity fee increase. The proposal has to be approved by the BoT

Send department information or cool activities to Sam for potential Grad Student of the Month and to compile and develop a potential presentation for the BoT

Ranked choice voting will be discussed next meeting

Meeting adjourned at: 1:01 p.m.