



Association of Graduate Students General Student Body Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2019

I. Roll call- Executive Board

Matthew Cowan, Samantha Powell, Dariana N. Rodríguez

II. Roll Call- Members

Ashley Heflin, Damion Castellano, Chris Le, Marlaina Wilkinson, Jason A. Smith, Brian C. Phinazee, Ryan Campen, Justin Sanchez, Kameron Zimmer

III. Upcoming business

- a) Meetings to be held every other Monday at 5:30 pm for the organization
- b) Provided information on Graduate Student Services provided by The Graduate School
 - (i) Funding for conferences
 - (ii) Peer review assistance
- c) The Happening
 - (i) Will be held on the Front Lawn on August 29th from 1:00-4:00 pm
 - (ii) Please come find our table and tell your friends!
- d) Halloween Social
 - (i) Would like to host it on Oct 24th with P.A.W.S.

e) Meeting with VSU Alumni

- (i) Reach out to alumni in hopes that they will come speak to AGS and provide guidance
- (ii) Alumni from different fields to provide their experience after graduate school

f) Thankful Week:

- (i) Week of Thanksgiving
- (ii) Highlight professors in different departments that have made an impact on their graduate students
- (iii) Goodie bags for the professors and shout outs on our social media platforms as well as on the school server

g) Appreciation Week

- (i) Week of Valentine's Day
- (ii) Allow fellow students or professors shout-out graduate students and their work
- (iii) Provide students with school supply goodie bags to allow them to continue their wonderful education

h) Friendsgiving

- (i) AGS only social event
- (ii) Weekend before Thanksgiving
- (iii) Bring Your Own Food or donate an amount to be decided

i) AGS Mentor Program

- (i) Allow AGS students to mentor junior or seniors for service hours
- (ii) Open their eyes to graduate school at VSU
- (iii) Allow them to see options after undergrad

J) Grad Student Shout-Out

(i) Once a month shout out a fellow graduate student on our social media platforms

(ii) Goodie bag with school supplies!

IV. Executive Board Positions Open

1. Vice President-

- The vice president shall be the parliamentarian for the organization.
- The vice president shall assume the duties of the president should the office become vacant, or in the absence of the president.
- The vice president will keep and have available current copies of the constitution.
- The vice president shall keep the external AGS website up to date.
- The vice president will perform other duties as directed by the president.
- The vice president will oversee that everything published regarding the organization is accurate.
- The vice president will serve as a committee chair for the organization.

2. Public Relations Officer-

- The Public Relations Officer shall keep a current record of all events taking place within AGS.
- The Public Relations Officer shall keep an electronic record of all events using pictures, blogs, and other outlets decided upon.
- The Public Relations Officer shall work with the administrator of the graduate school's VSU website in order to provide picture examples of events and services in which AGS participates.
- The Public Relations Officer will be responsible for maintaining all organization committees and managing the master calendar for AGS events.
- The Public Relations Officer will perform other duties as directed by the president.
- The Public Relations Officer will be responsible for publishing and marketing the events of the graduate school and AGS to the university and graduate students.

**Please e-mail Dariana if you are interested in one of these positions by
Wednesday September 4th, 2019 at dnrodriguezkesle@valdosta.edu**

V. Dues

- a) We are implementing dues this school year for our members
- b) Dues will be \$20 and will cover the cost of your stole upon graduation if:
 - (1) You attend at least 3 meetings throughout each semester

- (2) Attendance will be taken via Instagram-live as well as during our in-person meetings
- c) We will offer a payment plan for those of you that need to split the cost up

VI. Meetings

- a) Meetings will be every other Monday at 5:30 pm.
- b) We are working on finding a permanent location