GSA Council Meeting  
Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 6:00 pm  
Captain Lounge, RMC

Minutes

Representatives in attendance. Renee Reder (Architecture); Hannah Fullgraf (Art History); Mauro Rinaldi (Biochemistry & Cell Biology); Alex Tatara (Bioengineering); Lauren Popp (Chemical & Bimolecular Engineering); Andrea Schlather (Chemistry); Chris Nguyen (Computational & Applied Mathematics); Michael Farner (Earth Sciences); Patrick Clay (Ecology & Evolutionary Biology); Rodrigo Paula (English); Suraya Khan (History); Vlad Soare (Linguistics); Marissa Knowles (Master of Liberal Studies); Miriam Kuzbary (Mathematics); Travis Boyer (Mechanical Engineering and Material Sciences); Jacob Wahlen-Strothman (Physics and Astronomy); Ornsiree Junchaya (Professional Masters in Science); Nathanael Homewood (Religious Studies); Lynn Fahey (Sociology); Sarah Tooth (Statistics).

Guests in attendance. Diane Glick (MLS); David Ramírez (RGSH).

1. Coffee Breaks & RWRC Panel

1.1. The OISS Coffee Break takes place tomorrow, Wednesday, November 20. It will feature international treats and coffee.

1.2. On October 30, the GSA held a Día de los Muertos Coffee Break in collaboration with LAGSA. It featured ofrenda and pan del muerto.

1.3. On November 2, the Rice Women’s Resource Center (RWRC) sponsored a panel discussion on the theme of “Women in Graduate School.” It was a successful event and will take place again next year.

2. New Business


2.1.1. The Council voted to approve the creation of the Boxing Club.

2.2. Update on the Honor Council graduate student policy. Representative Suraya Khan (History) informed the Council about discussions in the Honor Council regarding its graduate student policy. Undergraduates currently comprise the majority of Honor Council members who determine penalties for infractions of the Honor Code. The problem is that undergraduates sit in judgment of cases involving graduate students without understanding the ramifications penalties have in the context of a graduate program. As a result, the Honor Council is in the process of reviewing policies that affect graduate students, especially Article 12, which requires students accused of an infraction to face adjudication or voluntarily withdraw from University.
2.3. **Scheduling of December Council Meeting.** The December Council meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, December 10.

2.4. **Center for Career Development (CCD) graduate feedback.** Diane Glick (MLS) requests recommendations from graduate students of topics for the Final Fridays series of talks.

3. **Past Events**

3.1. The Val-Halloween Party took place on November 2.