

## GSO Meeting Minutes

### 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting of Semester

September 13, 2012

In attendance: Alireza Fatemi, Dmitry Khomyakov, Tyler Monson, Matt Costello, Maggie Hoffman, Nkenge Kirton, David W. Angel, Gregg Gillman, Maggie Cinto, Shoua Xiong, Andrew Karls, Dalong Zheng, Jason Beall, Matt Kennedy, Taylor Warden, Mian N. Ahmad, Jessica Eckdahl, Katie Friesen, Stephanie Sun, Dr. Kevin Gibson

1. Call to order
2. Purpose and goals of GSO
  - Create a university-wide community, serve the needs of graduate students, and advocate for graduate student concerns within the university
  - Carry out the university's mission of *cura personalis* – care of the whole person.
  - The GSO is a very diverse group, so we can only meet once or twice a month
    - i. Lots of communication through email, GSO Website, Twitter, Facebook
3. Department representatives
  - Reps reiterate GSO events to others in their department
  - They also inform GSO of any department information they think we should be aware of
  - Still have departments available for representation – contact Coordinator Jessica Eckdahl ([gso@marquette.edu](mailto:gso@marquette.edu)) for more details
4. Committees
  - Graduate students represent the graduate student population on faculty committees and share university happenings with the larger graduate student population
  - All committee slots are now filled, but there will be openings for next year
  - University Academic Senate update – GSO Rep Gregory Gillman
    - i. College of Arts and Sciences Dean search in progress, hiring planned for July 2013
    - ii. Freshmen applicants increased 39% from previous year; smaller class on purpose (last year was large); enrollment and growth is what university expected
    - iii. Recertification, class scheduling – MU falls within guidelines of accreditation
  - Committee on Teaching – GSO Rep Matthew Costello
    - i. Setting up schedule for year
    - ii. Broadly discussed guidelines, dates
    - iii. Two teaching awards – more information at <http://www.marquette.edu/provost/faculty-development.shtml>
  - Master Planning Committee – GSO Chair and Rep Katie Friesen
    - i. Restoration of three historical buildings
5. MU reaffirmation/accreditation announced
  - New Higher Learning Commission liaison Dr. Eric Martin arriving to campus week of 9/24; will be meeting with graduate students on **9/27 from 3:30-4pm in AMU 252**

6. Upcoming social events
  - Happy Hours are back!
    - i. Next one is 9/28 from 5-7pm at Murphys – free pizza
  - Thanksgiving dinner in November
  - Hot Chocolate Social in January
  - Send GSO emails with ideas, desire to volunteer
7. Dr. Kevin Gibson, Associate Dean of the Graduate School
  - New to role
  - Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will help graduate students find funding, give guidance
  - Healthcare insurance premiums increased due to new Healthcare Law
8. Stephanie Sun, GSO Vice Chair
  - Have special session to improve insurance for international students?