Graduate Student Council Meeting #02
Minutes for September 1, 2022, 1-2pm, LOV Conference Room

Present: Francis Baffour-Awuah Jr. (Webmaster), Shreya Bose, Nicole Bruce, Emmanuel Hartman, Nicholas Ossi, Virginia Parkman (Secretary), Julia Ream (Co-Chair), Alex White, Azaryah Wilson (Co-Chair)

Agenda

1. Current Projects Update
2. Grievances against GSC
3. Any additional comments/concerns

Discussion

1. Members update on individual projects

From last meeting, members worked on different projects.

1. AWM had its first board meeting. In a couple of weeks, they will have their first public meeting. A couple of the planned meetings are mentor network event and how to set-up math website where Shreya and Emmanuel might be able to help.

2. Graduate Student Coffee hour will be on Wednesday at 2pm. ~ 21 people showed up this past Wednesday (8/31)

3. A few updates were made to the GSC website
   (a) New tabs were created and made easier to find
   (b) Almost all old members were remove. Francis will remove Angie from the website.
   (c) Create an archive of flyers on the website.
   (d) Publish a summary of meeting minutes.

4. Directed Undergraduate Research
   (a) Tried to reach out to Jennifer, but did not get a response. Will try to reach out to Elizabeth because Jennifer only works at FSU for one more week.
   (b) So far 4 names on undergraduates (2 Jared, 2 Ziad’s class)
   (c) Want to advertise in SUMS and AWM
   (d) Interest there from grad students, so there should be plenty of mentors
   (e) According to Elizabeth, there will be plenty of funding to attend Troy undergraduate conference on the Spring.

5. Okten emailed about Conference funding, so no one needed to reach out
6. Rubric for GSRW Posters and Talks was started. Next meeting we will look at the first draft

7. Open Office Hour schedule needs to be made. Julia will send out a when2meet. Once a time chosen, Virginia will make a flyer. Want to host the office hour a few days before the GSC meeting

8. Elizabeth was approached about allowing GSC to help pick the grad students. She was welcoming of the idea. She will send us dates, gender, and area.

2. Grievances brought forth about the GSC

1. Shreya was approached by a senior graduate students with complaints they had heard and had themselves

2. Grievance: Nomination process confusing and you cannot self nominate
   (a) Clarify the constitution about how people get nominated
   (b) Emmanuel: says the current process keeps people from getting their feelings hurt when we have to reject them
   (c) Julia: If someone approaches you, bring the name forth to the council and we can evaluate.
   (d) Do not want to send out mass email to all graduate students about who wants to be nominated

3. Grievance: Allocation of office was unfair. That does not fall under the purview of the GSC. Please direct anyone with a question about offices to the administrative TA (Julia Ream).

4. Grievance: clarification of who holds the GSC accountable. They can speak to Dr. Okten, but try to see what they want to complain about before contacting Dr. Okten to make sure it is actually something GSC is in charge of.

4. Additional Comments/Concerns

Loosen constraints on Membership — Emmanuel brought of the idea to get rid of constraint of 3 people per area and that you have to be a candidate

1. Will continue to attempt to get 3 people from each area, but when not possible will reach out to other areas. Only have to have passed quals instead of being a candidate.

2. Voted on and agreed to update constitution. Want to use the following language: we will strive to maintain the program distribution, but etc.

Action Items

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. Fill out when2meet to schedule meeting for Meeting #3

3. Compilation of each members task(s) above:
(a) Julia: Will create a spreadsheet for Office Hours. Update constitution.
(b) Francis: Will update website with Julias corrections to the constitution. Will remove Angie from the website.
(c) Virginia: Create flyers for OH once there is a set time.
(d) Alex: Develop rubric for GRW with help from Julia.
(e) Nick: Recruit/stimulate interest of undergraduates for Research Mentor Network.
(f) Shreya: Reach out to some financial students who might want to join

Next Meeting Agenda

1. Talk about accomplishment of tasks set above
2. Think of who to nominate to fill positions within the council

Next Meeting: Middle of September (about two weeks after the previous meeting)