Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order – 5:30 pm

II. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes- 2/8/2017 – 5:31 pm

III. Guest Speakers and Student Concerns

a. Guest Speakers:
   i. Capt. Rick Hansen – Coordinator of Veteran Student Academic Services
      1. Richard.hansen@okstate.edu – 040 Student Union
      2. New service that began in the last ~18 months, if you are a veteran, please declare yourself to the Veteran Student Academic Services in North Classroom Building, First Floor
      3. Working to raise awareness of veterans on campus – flags on library lawn, recognizing Vietnam veterans, partnered with DVA (Disabled Veterans Association) and OSU being a Purple Heart University
      4. Invited all of us to the Veteran Suicide Awareness Walk – September 16th
      5. Women’s Symposium – March 9th (9 am – 4:30 pm) in Wes Watkins Center
      6. Tip for TAs: Be approachable, let them know you are willing to help. Be aware of those students who may be suffering from TBI (Traumatic Brain Injuries) or PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder)

IV. Officers Report

a) President- Solmaz Bastani – Busy week with SGA bill and preparing for panel on the Travel Ban (2/23 @ 5pm in Architecture 170)

b) Vice President – Kendall Scarlett – No update

c) Treasurer – Phoenix Huang – Not present

d) Secretary – Jessica Schnaiter-Brasche – Please let Jessica know if you are not receiving emails with the minutes and agendas

e) Intergovernmental Liaison – Milad Mohebali – Committee should be in contact with Milad by now, has added a task for CSO meetings: no one has signed up yet
   a. Attended Executive Leadership Council meeting: more diversity learning opportunities will be available, keep your eyes open for Facebook posts & discussed BCT (Behavioral Consultation Team) for people you think are a danger to themselves or others
   b. E-Board has been working to include more students that are not adequately represented like professional students and graduate students at the Tulsa campus
GPSGA General Assembly Meeting
February 22, 2017
5:30 pm – 035 South Murray Hall

f) Parliamentarian – Kevin Coughlin – Bill in new business, if you would like to introduce a bill, please talk to Kevin!

g) Communication Director – Prashanth Busi Reddy – Not present

h) Social Chair – Luci Wilson – Not present (Report given by Jessica) Graduate Education Week schedule, all information will be added to the website:
   a. Tuesday - Garage Fundraiser – 5-9 pm
   b. Wednesday - Colvin Yoga on the Lawn – 6:30 pm
   c. Thursday- Research Gala @ Student Union – 7:30 pm
   d. Friday- Finnegan’s Social

V. Old Business
   a. Committee Sign Up – Committee sign up is closing at 6:30 pm!
   b. Co-Sponsorship Applications due February 22nd at 5 pm – Emails for presentations will be going out soon from Phoenix
   c. Phoenix Award Application due March 15th at 5 pm
   d. Travel Reimbursement – Applications will be reviewed by March 3rd
   e. Graduate Life Issue for Spring Semester – SGA Bill – SGA introduced a bill in late January that threatened the funds we use for travel reimbursements and co-sponsorships – E-board has been searching documents to learn the history of the relationship of SGA and GPSGA to create a timeline and save our funding and group

VI. New Business
   a. New Group Recognition – TESLing Club (Teaching English as a Second Language)
      i. 48 active members – Master’s and Ph.D. – Holds socials and also supports grad students taking their comprehensive exams and finals
      ii. Group would be able to attend all GPSGA meetings
      iii. Hand Raise Vote – passes, welcome to GPSGA, TESLing Club!
   b. Research Week Plans – Scheduled events, tentative events – Presented in officer report – please let your programs, departments, and groups know
   c. Information on what the Executive Board and GPSGA does to make an impact
      i. We appreciate your feedback, but are not sure what we can do to improve the substance of the general assembly meetings
      ii. Possibility of bringing back program/group or research presentations
      iii. Please send suggestions to the Executive Board for making meetings more helpful to us all
   d. Social Voting – Our social committee has provided us with 3 social ideas for the Spring Semester
      i. Eskimo Joe’s Social - 14
      ii. Boomer Lake Cookout – 24 – Social Committee will begin planning
      iii. Bowling at Mojo’s - 7
VII. Good of the Order

a. The Sociology Graduate Student Association presents “A Lunch with Melissa Farley, PhD” on Thursday, February 23 from 11:30-1 pm in Murray Hall, Room 439

b. Crossing Borders: Understanding the Travel Ban in Architecture 170 at 5 pm 2/23/2017 – Please extend invitation to everyone

c. Automation Day - March 3rd, 2017 (Friday). Venue: Peggy V. Helmerich Room, Edmon Low Library, to register for the presentation and contest, click on this link: https://osuas.okstate.edu/automation-day-2017, Poster Presentation (1:30 PM - 3:00 PM), Automation Contest (4:30 PM - 6:30 PM), this event will include exciting Robot Games, technical talks & Poster Presentations related to automation and controls as well as cash prizes!

d. Water Conservation and Water Researchers can submit abstracts by 5 pm on Friday for the 2017 Annual Student Water Conference on March 23-24, 2017, please find more information here: http://water.okstate.edu/students/swc

e. Open Discussion Forum – Next Tuesday, the 28th @ 6 pm in Student Union Little Theater - “Being Colored at OSU” hosted by Sigma Lambda Beta and Phi Beta Sigma #BCOSU

f. Next meeting is NEXT WEDNESDAY! Please do not forget!

g. “Is your research safe from Cyber-Attacks?” hosted by Unmanned Systems Research Institute on Friday, February 24th, 2017 from 2:30-3:30 pm in 102 ATRC

h. If you know of any graduate student stories to be shared in the Monday Memo – please submit stories to the GPSGA email, attn: President

VIII. Adjournment – 6:21 pm

IX. Approval of Minutes - Executive Board – 6:34