

# Student Government Association Graduate Student Senate

October 29, 2013

5:30 P.M. – UC Shiloh Room

Martin P. Walker, GSS President  
Damien Pitts, GSS Vice-President  
Robert V. Truka, GSS Secretary

- 5:30 p.m. – **CALL TO ORDER**
- 5:31 p.m. – **ROLL**
- **GUEST SPEAKERS:**
  - 5:33 p.m., Dr. Palomino, Civil Engineering Dept. – Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society
    - Discussed new opportunities to join Sigma Xi
    - Grants for research opportunities available
    - More Info, email Dr. Palomino, [angel@utk.edu](mailto:angel@utk.edu), or Dr. Todd Freeburg, [tfreeber@utk.edu](mailto:tfreeber@utk.edu)
    - Visit: [www.sigmaxi.org](http://www.sigmaxi.org)
  - 5:45 p.m., Ferlin McGaskey – Tennessee Teaching and Learning Center
    - New Assistant Director at Tennessee Teaching and Learning Center
    - Supports Graduate Student Teaching Instructors
    - How Support is offered:
      - Consultation
      - Workshop and Seminars
      - NEW- Launching a Graduate Student Teaching Certificate, for students who want to become faculty (at any institution)
        - 3 part program
          - Orientation, 2 workshops
          - Intense seminar, reading heavy, starting next fall, 8 meetings
          - Supervised teaching
    - **Application:** NOVEMBER 4 – 25, 2013
- 5:57 p.m. - **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
  - Welcome to GSS

- December Meeting
  - Are we going to meet?...Vote taken = NO
    - President Walker will send email about small meeting that can still happen
- Spring Meetings
  - President Walker is going to email about Spring meeting times
- Website
  - New GSS Website should be operational by January 2014

- 6:04 p.m. – **Vice-Presidents Report**
  - Welcome to GSS
  - SGA Undergraduate Senate Report
- 6:14 p.m. – **INTERNAL COMMITTEES**
  - Jessica Welch – Communications and Outreach Report
  - 6:19 p.m., St. Thomas Ledoux – Equity and Diversity Report
  - 6: 22 p.m., Kathryn Abrahamsson – Fun Run Report
- 6: 27 p.m. - **External COMMITTEES**
  - Still some seats that need to be filled
  - Reports
- 6: 35 p.m. – **NEW BUSINESS**
  - Changes to the GSS Bylaws
  - Guest Speakers?
  - Business from the floor?
- 6:39 p.m. – **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - Pot Luck November 26, 2013, 6-8 p.m., International House on Campus. Open to all Graduate Students and friends
  - New Arts and Sciences Council needs extra Graduate Representatives to discuss issues
  - Letter from Payroll to Graduate Students about Insurance coverage regarding the Affordable Health Care Act. No need to worry about coverage changes

6:43 p.m. - **ADJOURN**