GSC Meeting Minutes, Aug 25, 2023 at 3pm

* In attendance
  + UBFS - Kris Eyssell
  + UBSS – John Brenner & Kate Anderson
  + SGA – Peter Stevenson & Abedamarajo
  + SBA – Erin Esterson & Helen Egata
  + Ex Officio – Mike Kiel
* Mike is defacto chair today as Immediate past president. Not a voting member. Kate is taking notes.
* Kris reported on UBFS meeting.
* UBFS discussed
  + Mentorship program for students
  + Middle States reaccreditation coming up
  + Passed a religious observance policy for students to give reasonable accommodations
  + Discussion re: implementing policy re: credit for past academic work
* Mike was elected as secretary & Al Gourrier is vice-chair
* Erin reported on SBA
  + 70 students attended 1st event of the school year last night. Event was a big success.
  + SBA closely involved in orientation and ensuring 1Ls are aware of campus resources.
  + SBA has 1 vacant position – LLM rep. Working on getting student reps installed on the curriculum and career services committees
* Peter reported on SGA
  + Working to meet with administration to get gym re-opened, understand that there will be a phased approach to reopening, w/ basket ball court first, but were told “no promises.” Asking for support from SBA, UBSS & UBFS.
  + SGA has interest in revising some academic policies, particularly because some can be confusing to students.
  + Approx 50% of students are international and want more representation for them, planning on a town hall w emphasis on international student relations. Concerns re: services, bullying and harassment that they want to address for international students.
  + Next SGA meeting is Sept. 7, 5:10-6:10 (time change bc of the administrative meet and greet that night). Nicole Marano and Dean Llatetra Esters are testifying at the SGA meeting.
* John reported on UBSS
  + John’s 3rd time as UBSS chair.
  + UBSS has met 2xs.
    - Priorities include staff engagement, and a new ad hoc committee on engagement has been established. Please join UBSS for Donuts in Gordon Plaza on Aug. 28 at 9am
    - Also looking at communications between leadership and staff.
    - Streamlined meetings to make them more valuable.
  + UBSS action plan is on the UBSS website along with goals for the year.
  + UBSS is happy to join in advocating, though we don’t have much to do with academic policy we are happy to support as we can.
* New Business
  + Mike explains resolutions, information-sharing role, university-wide committees, etc.
  + Proposal to revisit and rewrite GSC bylaws & governance documents.
    - Example – facilities committee that is now defunct is required to exist.
  + Additionally, group does not have chair or vice chair, need to select those individuals now.
    - Mike not eligible for chair as a non-voting member.
    - Students can be chair or vice-chair, but not recommended that they serve as chair without prior GSC experience
    - Chair election
      * Kris moves that John be chair and a student be vice chair. Erin seconds John as chair. John accepts nomination.
      * John nominates Kate as chair, Kris asks re: Kate’s prior experience in shared governance. Kate has none, but is willing to do the job.
      * Kate elected as chair
    - Vice-chair election
      * Peter nominated by Kris and seconded by Adebamarajo. Peter accepts but asks other students to run.
      * Erin self-nominates and Kris seconds. Peter withdraws acceptance of vice-chair nomination.
      * Erin is confirmed as vice-chair.
    - John moves that Mike serve as webmaster, Kris seconds. Mike accepts and is confirmed as vice-chair.
    - Peter – SGA has agenda items for next meeting. All agenda items should go to Kate in future.
    - Mike – Motion to UBFS to set minimum standards for faculty use of Canvas re: information and communication using the Canvas. Encourages students to attend UBFS meeting when this motion is addressed.
    - Kate charges GSC members to review by-laws and governing documents for next meeting. Agenda will include a discussion of issues and a plan/timeline to address
    - Next meeting is set for Sept. 15 at 3pm. Subsequent meetings to be held 3rd Friday of the month. Kate will invite President & Provost.
    - John moves to end meeting & Kris seconds