I. Call to Order
   a. The meeting is called to order by the Vice President at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call Attendance – See Addendum I

III. Adoption of the Agenda
   a. Hearing no objections, the agenda was adopted.

IV. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (October 25, 2017)
   a. Hearing no objections to the meeting minutes, the past meeting minutes are approved.

V. Open Student Forum

VI. Special Presentation: Karen Kline & Bob Edwards – Student Health Insurance
   a. What happened this fall,
      i. Penn State never leaves graduate students uninsured
   b. UHS Pharmacy
      i. There was a glitch in the system where it was supposed to set for 90 days it was set back to 30 days. As of today, it is back at 90 days to get prescription for chronic diseases.
   c. WorkLion
      i. We are migrating to WorkLion
      ii. It’s been tested and everything is running smoothly
      iii. Files will be sent on a weekly basis
      iv. Students should not be seeing a delay in coverage for the Spring semester
   d. Our enrollment is up by 2% - 3900 enrolled
   e. As of October 23, there is approximately 12,000 students enrolled, from 6,500 students last year
   f. Working with the school on university wide insurance
   g. There is an activity guide on Lionpath for domestic and international students preparing for university wide insurance
   h. Questions?
      i. What is the rationale behind moving to more expensive insurance as of cheaper alternatives for international students?
         A. With a wider pool, prices will fall next year given the utilization remains constant. The cheaper alternatives are not ACA comparable and filed offshore. This year we are asking students to have insurance that is filed with the Pennsylvania Health Department and be ACA complied.

VII. Special Presentation: Michael Verderame, Ph.D. – Senior Associate Dean of the Graduate School
   a. Career Exploration Workshops
i. In 2016, all day on a Saturday, 225 registered, 60 attended, 15 watched live sessions
ii. In 2017, half day workshop on a Saturday, 247 registered, 80 attended, 4 watched live sessions
iii. Topics include:
   A. Resume and CV
   B. Define the career path wanted
   C. How to negotiate a job offer
iv. How might we structure these workshops to have more attendance
   A. Career specific targets
   B. Maybe during school week, or Saturday afternoon
   C. Maybe twice a year
   D. Print flyers and pass them around
   E. Early career vs Late career

VIII. Executive Officer Reports
a. President—Matt Krott
   i. Thank everyone for advocating for passing the state budget
   ii. Encourage all of you to speak out to their federal legislators to fight the new tax reform
   iii. Consider applying to student leadership scholarship, due date is November 13
   iv. Next week is Mental and Health Week
   v. Homecoming parade is Friday
b. Vice President—Brianne Pragg
   i. Reminding the assembly of Robert Rules
c. Treasurer—Erica Schwalm
   i. Received our allocation
   ii. Updated the budget summary online
   iii. $20,000 to spend
d. Secretary—Nasr Cheaib
   i. Send me material for the newswire
e. Faculty Senate—Kevin Reuning
   i. No report
f. Graduate Council—Ling Yang
   i. We are meeting next week
   ii. No updates yet

IX. New Business
a. Resolution 67-01 Support of Graduate Assistant Rights
   i. We are looking at this resolution as a way to responding to the comments that PSU administration recently made that graduate students contribute to the university
   ii. Entire transcript of the week long hearing is online
   iii. Our goal is to say that our contributions to this university matters and we are workers, we are employees under Pennsylvania law and we have legal standings and we want to recognized as such. We would like the administrations to recognize that.
   iv. Questions?
A. Who are you making this statement to?
   a. We are speaking on behalf of the student body
   b. We are holding the administration accountable

B. Can you give more contexts about this hearing and why we are talking about this now?
   a. For a couple years now the graduate students wanted to form a union
   b. Students from different departments come together to form a bargaining unit which would be able to bargain with administration for saying they want certain changes in our workplaces and such
   c. This hearing was a result of an authorization card drive in which graduate students got together and got enough cards to show enough hold this election. There was a minimum requirement of 30% interest to hold the election, however they went much higher.
   d. Afterwards we were supposed to go from there to hold the vote however administration has been very combative about this.
   e. There is a work components that isn’t inherit of the graduate program.
   f. Penn State took the approach of stating that these students aren’t employees at all.

C. How does this apply to professional students?
   a. This does not apply to professional students
   b. Professional students would not be included in the bargaining units

v. Co-sponsors additions
   A. This is not a pro or against union debate, this is about the rights to hold the vote.
   B. On the legal challenge to this, Penn State spent around seven figures on this. There is better uses to spend their money

vi. Discussion
   A. Concerns about the wording of the resolution not being factual.
   vii. Motion to approve bill via voice vote. The motion is seconded; there are no objections.
   viii. The resolution is passed with majority votes in favor.

X. Reports
   a. Speaker of the Assembly – Brian Conway
      i. Very important piece of legislation just went through
      ii. Our assembly took a position as accounted to what the current administration is currently pursuing how unionization issues proceed.
      iii. We should all be well versed in various issues that come up with unionization.
         A. Read literature on Gradfacts and CGE website
      iv. Full transcripts of the hearing are available online
   b. Committees
      i. Advocacy and Human Diversity – Gerry Knapp
         A. Roundtable Next Wed
         B. Working on Toll Brothers legislation
      ii. Student Affairs – Sonny Arora
         A. Professional Development – Alex Zhao
            a. Need help setting up and taking down Graduate Writing Workshop
         B. Programming – Shenli Pei


a. Financial Literacy Workshop is tomorrow
b. Next Tuesday is GPSA social at 6pm, it will also serve as a kickoff to sell tickets for the Winter Gala
c. Tickets for the Winter Gala are limited
C. Community Service – Emily Erickson
   a. Basket Driving is ongoing, we will stop collecting stuff by Tuesday

iii. Internal Development – David Dopfel
   A. No report
c. Liaisons
   i. Student Legal Services
      A. She is going to ask the financial board for an increase of $2
         a. She will release a breakdown report
      B. We are the only Big Ten school that represent students for immigration cases
      C. On Tuesdays, they have walk-in hours all day
   ii. Mental and Health Awareness Week
      A. All the information is on our social media
      B. They will have people in the HUB all week and they will have a gala as well
   iii. Campus Rec advisory
      A. Club sport hours are cut
   iv. Canvas
      A. I will be stepping down and looking for a replacement
d. Judiciary – The Honorable Jesse Scott
   i. No report
c. Student Trustee – Mike Hoeschele
f. Advisor—Adam Christensen
   i. Looking for feedback for the next iteration for Lionpath

XI. Comments for the Good of the Order
a. Please help pass the message of our events
b. If you cannot donate items for the basket drive, you could donate money

XII. Adjournment
a. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nasr Cheaib
Addendum I. Roll Call Attendance

P = present  A = absent  E = excused  PR = proxy  L = late

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