

**Graduate Student Senate
Meeting of the Whole—October 3rd, 2018**

28 People in Attendance

Executive Council Attendees: Joey Campbell, Jessica Bocanegra, Aayudh Das, Mahafuza Aktar, and Kenna Rewcastle

Senator Attendees: Brandon Ackley, Jeffrey Adams, Rosie Chapina, Jessica Cotton, Kevin Fischer, Tatiana Gladkikh, Humon Heidarian, Molly Hurd, Autumn Johnson, Kayla Johnson, Matthew McCabe, Rigo Melgar-Melgar, Jaspreet Singh Nagi, Rosy Neale, Lindsay Worley, and Robert Worley

Representative Attendees: Aarzo Grover, and Camille Marcotte

- Senators suggesting inquiring about the status of the graduate student housing discussion.
- Campbell suggested that all committee chairs prepare discussion points to be posed to President Sullivan during his visit.
- Policies surrounding the use of alcohol in university research.

Committee Reports–Faculty Senate

Education and Research Technologies Committee Meeting (Kayla Johnson)

- < New Chief Information Office: Simeon Ananou
- < 2018-2019 goals for the Committee:
 - Improve UVM portal which provides course descriptions.
 - Improve and provide technological resources for ACCESS students.
 - Make the emergency system more accessible.
 - Improve communication with SAC and Research Data Management Committees.

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Student Fees Committee (Kevin Fischer)

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- ◁ Committee will embark on a fact-finding initiative to assess cost of living and compensation statistics for graduate students.
- ◁ Graduate College is initiating a re-assessment of graduate stipends, stipend committee chairs will be invited to participate.

Maternity and Family Leave Committee (Kayla Johnson)

- ◁ Long term goals: paid maternity and family leave
- ◁ Short term goals: establish transparency surrounding health insurance for those taking medical leave, provide a graduation timeline extension for those who take maternity and family leave

