I- CALL TO ORDER: 6:11pm

Present: Kyle, Lu Tang, Buke, Lindsay, Vice-president Rodriguez, President Mbagwu

Absent: 

Excused: Caitlin H.

II- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

III- ELECTION OF CHAIR

Kyle: moves to nominate Abneris as chair and Lindsay as co-chair

Abneris and Lindsay accept the nomination

Called to vote: Approved unanimously

IV- AAC BUSINESS

Next meetings: 6:30 pm same week as the board meetings

Place: Rackham North Alcove unless stated otherwise

Chuky and Abneris give small introduction on what AAC does

a. Ideas for AAC to take on:

1. Book publishing events
2. Lunch with the Deans
3. CV workshop/webinar (sweetland and the library)
4. Speed reading/webinar
5. GSI training
6. Online citations and open access
7. Patent workshop
8. Women’s issues workshop

Buke: I believe we can reach most of our graduate students by improving our web presence. One way I have proposed in the past that we can look into during the summer is livestreaming our events if they are in the evening or recording them for students who are not able to attend.

Chuky: maybe ask Natalie if she has any idea how we could do this.

Lindsay: I could look into this. I believe there is a group on campus that comes and records events. I’ll see what I can find out.

Kyle: It would be nice to make a CV workshop.

Buke: Maybe we can also do a speed reading seminar.
Chuky: Another issue that I have come across is providing better services for graduate students that are part of the dream act. Thinking about how to support them.
Lindsay: I have also come across students with issues on this same scale. Like for example when conference travel is involved they might have issues with their visas.
Chuky: GSI training would be good for AAC to take on and since Kyle has shown that he is interested in this subject maybe he can talk a little more about his concerns.
Kyle: I do have some concerns especially when it comes to training GSI’s on how to deal with issues that are not necessarily academic. Also, I am concerned that the Chemistry department seems to have a resistance on providing a “global” GSI training for their students. I will be looking into why that is. Once I have that information I will engage it by either writing a resolution or looking into the policies involved.
Lu: I believe one good issue this committee can look into is online citations and open access. Maybe we can give a workshop on how to cite online journals or general citations. Also, I would like this committee to engage open access as a priority and see what the UMich is doing to address this issue and how we can inform our grad students on how they can post their papers or collaborations online without breaking the terms of agreement of the journal they are publishing on if they are interested in doing so.
Buke: I think the University of Michigan has a server called deep blue that gives access to some dissertations on there but I am not sure if they have papers.
Abneris says she will look into deep blue and open access at the university of michigan.
Chuky: Another concern of mine would be finding a way of informing people of their options and the ownership issues when publishing.
Abneris: Also, and along those lines, a patent workshop for students that develop things outside of the university might be helpful and something we might want to look into.
Buke: From what I am aware the center of entrepreneurship gives a course on patent law and how to develop patents.
Abneris: we can work with them and develop a workshop.
Chuky: In the past AAC has had a forum on women's issues at the University of Michigan and that might be something we might want to take on again.
Abneris: for this workshop we could partner with FEMMES or AWIS or WISE or MUSES or CEW
Lindsay: going back to the CV workshop we might want to look into having people bring their CV and have someone work with them individually.

V- AAC BUDGET
Abneris: it seems to me that the easiest task to tackle for the summer and where we can learn how to continue doing these type of seminars is the CV workshop. I will look into how to get this done but I would propose we only budget for this workshop.
Chuky: proposes $200 for the CV workshop. Motions $250 for the summer.
Buke Second
Passes unanimously
OPEN DISCUSSION
Seeing no discussion the chair asks for a motion to adjourn.
Kyle: motion to adjourn
Chuks: seconds

ADJOURNMENT at 6:58pm.