

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA_®

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 10th 2006

I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Jennifer deWinter

Present: John Laughlin, Elaine Ulrich, Nicholas Amatuzzi, Amanda Brobbel, Randi Tanglen, Paul Thorn, Jennifer deWinter, Jim Collins, Catherine Neish, Sarah Grace, Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez, Anne Murdaugh, Claudia Benavente, Beth Specker, Leslie Walker, Marni Glick, Luna Iris, Kathleen Corcoran

Proxies: Chris Brown

II. Calls to the audience: None.

III. Reading and approval of minutes – Randi Tanglen motions to pass the 11/15/05 minutes barring a few corrections. Kathleen Corcoran seconds; the motion carries.

IV. Officer Reports:

President – Elaine Ulrich – (1) New regents: a new student, two alumni. (2) Tasks for 2006: distance learning programs and M.A. certificate programs (looking to increase the number of grad students); headway on inequalities for students in different depts. & colleges; high quality Health Care survey; Internal changes within GPSC, survey results: 86% of voters were in favor of a grad on ASA and 55% were in favor of an at-large vote for the GPSC president and external affairs vice president (600 graduate & professional students voted, this was the 2nd highest voter turnout in the GPSC's history); there is a new Dean of the Graduate College (from dept of Regional Sciences)

External Vice President – Paul Thorn – (1) The presidential search is moving quickly. The names of the final 4 candidates will be announced on 1/17/06. There will be open forums on January 20, 23, 24, and 25th. There will be background checking on the candidates. (2) There will be socials on 1/27 Belushi's, GPSA Week the last week of March, end of year social on April 21st and a movie night on 2/23. (3) Grad Cats will go out at the beginning of February.

Internal Vice President – Jennifer deWinter – Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Nick Amatuzzi – If you have issues with your stipend, please contact Mr. Amatuzzi.

Secretary – John Laughlin – Nothing to report.

V. Representative and Director Reports:

There will be a College of Science Graduate Council meeting on February 1st

Catherine Neish: Commission on the Status of Women is giving mini-grants, contact Catherine if interested; February applicants will be on women's issues or diversity (contact Catherine).

Elaine Ulrich: Habitat for Humanity will build a house on the U of A campus (1/20).

Jennifer deWinter: The English Graduate Union voted to succeed from ASUA

Amanda Brobbel: (1) La Aldea is hiring 4 CRA's, applications are due 1/30/06. Contact Amanda for more details. (2) PHX showcase will be on 2/8/06

VI. New Business:

a. Tuition Setting

Elaine Ulrich reports that 100% remission will not happen next year, but we will be up to 80%. The official figure will be decided on 1/30/06

b. External Elections for President and External VP

86% of voters were in favor of a grad on ASA and 55% were in favor of an at-large vote for the GPSC president and external affairs vice president (600 graduate & professional students voted, this was the 2nd highest voter turnout in the GPSC's history)
Discussion on a 1-1 vote v. electoral college system ended with a decision to have a 1-1 vote

c. ASA Appointment

(see above) We are also encouraging graduate students to request their dollar back from ASA. Jim Collins is working on a web-page to help make the process easier for students. The site will be up next week.

d. Health Care Survey

After some debate on the language/structure of Randi Tanglen's proposed survey and barring the changes, the council accepted the draft.

e. 9/10 Month Appointments for GATs and RAs

Amanda Brobbel reports that the Graduate College is determined to change the pay period for Graduate Assistants from a 10 month to 9 month period. After much debate it seemed that those in the sciences would be most benefit from the change. Jennifer deWinter moves to vote those in favor of keeping the current 10 month pay period, Randi Tanglen 2nds: 13 in favor, 1 against. The motion carries. The council decided it now needs a letter drafted to send to the Graduate College that explains our position. The council decided to move this item to a later date.

f. U of A South

Jennifer deWinter brought to the attention that there is a lack of communication between U of A South and the main campus. Ms. deWinter called for an extra seat be added to the GPSC council for a representative from U of A South. Since a U of A South Graduate Program does not exist, the idea was stricken from the table.

g. GPSA Week

Amanda Brobbel calls for ideas from the council. Last year there was a BBQ, movie night, family day and awards. New ideas proposed were athletic events and a poker night. Any other ideas should be submitted to Amanda.

VII. Call to adjourn – At 8:01pm, John Laughlin made a call to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Elaine Ulrich, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by John Laughlin