

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA[®]

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 7th 2006

I. Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Jennifer deWinter

Present: John Laughlin, Elaine Ulrich, Nicholas Amatuzzi, Amanda Brobbel, Randi Tanglen, Paul Thorn, Jennifer deWinter, Jim Collins, Catherine Neish, Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez, Anne Murdaugh, Leslie Walker, Marni Glick, Kathleen Corcoran, Josh Wright, Chris Brown, Pietro Valsecchi, Aaron Gubi

Proxies: Sarah Grace, Claudia Benavente, Beth Specker, Luna Iris, Hrishi Shende

II. Calls to the audience:

Nick White: English Graduate Union: asks the GPSC to support the union's position regarding hiring
Erin Hertzog: asks the GPSC for collaboration on working out the Student Union fee

III. Reading and approval of minutes – (tabled)

IV. Officer Reports:

President –Elaine Ulrich – The new tuition proposal has been made public.

External Vice President – Paul Thorn – (1) 628 dollar back request, (2) Student Health Insurance survey had been approved, (3) Grat Cats will be out soon, (4) The council will need to go over the elections timeline

Internal Vice President – Jennifer deWinter – Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Nick Amatuzzi – Nothing to report.

Secretary – John Laughlin – Nothing to report.

V. Representative and Director Reports:

Amanda Brobbel: (1) Showcase in Phoenix is tomorrow; any help would be appreciated.

VI. New Business:

a. Dean Comrie

Dean Comrie expressed to the council that he is currently in a “learning mode” and trying to get a good sense of how things work before making any changes. After this period of learning, his goals include (but are not limited to) raising the number of graduate students at the U of A, increase the profile of the Graduate College, create better communication channels between Graduate Program coordinators and advisors, and to better the image of the Graduate College as a whole.

b. Dr. Stoffle, Dean of the Library

Dr. Stoffle informed the council that budget cuts for the library have come from cutting back on Personnel, that the library is moving very heavy into investing into electronic sources, the proposed Library fee would be \$15/semester, the Health Sciences are no longer charged a fee for ILL. The council expressed its desire for greater access to study carrels and issues regarding the recall of books by the automated library system.

c. Governing Documents

With the wish of the council to change its election process this spring, both the Elections Code and Constitution needed revision. Elaine Ulrich made a motion to pass discussed changes to the GPSC Constitution, Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez seconded: the vote carried unanimously. Several changes were proposed for the GPSC elections code, but the most notable was that of changing the title of the External Affairs Vice President to Vice President and Internal Affairs Vice President to something else. John Laughlin made a motion to pass the changes to the Elections Code, Elaine Ulrich seconded: the motion

carried. Paul Thorn moved to change the names of both the External and Internal Affairs VPs. Elaine Ulrich made a motion to change the title of IVP to “Assembly Chair,” Jennifer deWinter seconded: the motion carried in favor 11:6. Pietro Valsecchi seconded Paul Thorn’s original motion: the motion carried to change the titles of EVP and IVP in favor 14:2.

d. Stipend & Workload Review

The council agreed that no work was necessary this year regarding these issues.

e. Constituency Meetings

(tabled)

VII. Call to adjourn – At 8:02pm, John Laughlin made a call to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Kathleen Corcoran, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by John Laughlin