

# THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA<sup>®</sup>

## GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 7th 2006

### I. Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Jennifer deWinter

**Present:** John Laughlin, Nicholas Amatuzzi, Amanda Brobbel, Randi Tanglen, Paul Thorn, Jennifer deWinter, Jim Collins, Catherine Neish, Anne Murdaugh, Pietro Valsecchi, Aaron Gubi, Luna Iris, Beth Specker, Claudia Benavente, Elaine Ulrich, Beverly Wilson, Kathleen Corcoran, Marni Glick, Leslie Walker, Sarah Grace

**Proxies:** Chris Brown, Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez, Eva Shaw,

### II. Calls to the audience: None.

**III. Reading and approval of minutes** – Randi motions to pass the 2/21/06 minutes, Kathleen seconds, the motion carries.

### IV. Officer Reports:

**President** – Elaine Ulrich – Regents tuition hearing; Elaine reports that it may be likely that in-state grads will experience an increase in tuition

**External Vice President** – Paul Thorn – (1) There will be an ABOR meeting this Thursday at 1:55pm...Paul encourages any and all to attend this meeting as the agenda is to set tuition and fees; (2) Data from the Health Care Survey has been received and of note was that most students who voted were in favor of paying a small fee for supplemental prescription, dental and vision.

**Internal Vice President** – Jennifer deWinter – (1) Constituency meetings: is you wish to pair up with other reps, let Jennifer know; (2) Jennifer also reports that the Department of English is getting raises (due to the legislature raise), but you must be on State dollars to receive this benefit and it will be pro-rated

**Treasurer** – Nick Amatuzzi – Nick has met with Sherry Jacobs and has up to date info regarding GPSC's finances. Any specific questions should be addressed to Nick.

**Secretary** – John Laughlin – Nothing to report.

### V. Representative and Director Reports:

John Laughlin announced that the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona International Film Festival will be on April 20-30<sup>th</sup>.

Amanda Brobbel: (1) As a reminder, election petitions are due this Friday (3/10); however, some areas may receive a deadline extension. (2) GPSA Week: UAB will help to bring a storytelling group for Family Fun Day, Poker Night still maintains issues with regards to cost and prizes, Bumsteads is set for an evening social, there will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers at the next meeting

### VI. New Business:

#### a. Club & POD Funding

Nick Amatuzzi motions to fund "Indigenous Thinkers" \$200, "School of Dance" \$600, "American Medical Student Association (AMSA)" \$625, and "Graduate Finance Association" \$700; John Laughlin 2nds the motion; the motion carries

#### b. Ratification of Presidential & Vice Presidential Candidates

By means of blind voting, the council ratified Jennifer deWinter and Anne Murdaugh for VP candidacy and Paul Thorn for Presidential candidacy

c. **ASA / ASUA Negotiations**

Having received a deemed “unsatisfactory” memo from ASUA at 5:50pm this evening and after much discussion regarding the worth of working on said proposal, Jennifer deWinter motioned for a vote to be held for graduate students to secede from ASUA. Jim Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried: 17 in favor, 0 against.

d. **Elections**

Amanda Brobbel made a motion to remove one of the At-Large seats from this year’s election as two (2) new At-Large positions have already been created. Jennifer deWinter seconded the motion. Paul Thorn made note that such action requires amending the GPSC constitution and as such requires a week’s notice before any motion can be made. Jim Collins motioned to table the motion, John Laughlin seconded: the motion carried.

There was some discussion on the use of listservs for this year’s elections. The council made no changes to its rules, but encouraged creativity. The Elections Director will of course deal with any ill-favored action.

**VII. Call to adjourn** – At 7:38pm, Randi Tanglen made a call to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Anne Murdaugh, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by John Laughlin