

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA[®]

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 21st 2006

I. Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Paul Thorn

Present: John Laughlin, Nicholas Amatuzzi, Amanda Brobbel, Randi Tanglen, Paul Thorn, Jim Collins, Anne Murdaugh, Aaron Gubi, Beth Specker, Claudia Benavente, Elaine Ulrich, Kathleen Corcoran, Leslie Walker, Eva Shaw

Proxies: Chris Brown, Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez, Catherine Neish, Pietro Valsecchi, Luna Iris, Beverly Wilson, Sarah Grace

II. Calls to the audience: None.

III. Reading and approval of minutes – Elaine motions to pass the 3/7/06 minutes, Anne seconds, the motion carries.

IV. Officer Reports:

President – Elaine Ulrich – Elaine spoke with Dean Comrie who reported that the Graduate College is going to create a committee to decide where newly created assistantships using the newly allocated state dollars will go

External Vice President – Paul Thorn – (1) Regarding the 9/10 month appointments, the current 10 month appointment will remain (2) Having met with Dorian Borges to discuss the GPSC health care survey, the Graduate College is in favor of creating benefit options; however there is concern that this would increase EREs as well as create problems with remission, but the Graduate College is looking into implementing benefit options for Fall 2006 (3) ABOR fee setting will be on the 8th and 9th: all of the tuition increases have been approved for graduate students, but all undergrad tuition increases have been tabled and the tech fee will be \$65/year for next year and then the issue will be re-visited (4) Paul asks is anyone can fill in for Jennifer deWinter at the Committee of 11 meeting this Friday; Jim Collins offers (5) The first Graduate Student Forum will be this Thursday at 12:00pm in the TUBAC room (health care and library reps will be there).

Internal Vice President – Jennifer deWinter – Absent

Treasurer – Nick Amatuzzi – The deadline for POD & Club funding was over Spring Break and as such we received less than the expected amount of requests. Amatuzzi reports that we now have a surplus of funds and as such the previous deadline had been extended though this week. Lastly, Amatuzzi notes that the next deadline is 4/15/06

Secretary – John Laughlin – Nothing to report.

V. Representative and Director Reports:

Aaron Gubi: Reports that the Center for Student Involvement is currently in the midst of a campaign to pass the Student Union Fee

Randi Tanglen: The Assoc. for Women Faculty will have a special event this Friday from 12-4:30pm in the Special Collections building of the Main Library. The keynote speaker will be Leslie Tolbert

Amanda Brobbel: (1) Asks on behalf of Pietro if anyone can fill in to attend the Campus Emergency Response Exercise on April 12th. (2) GPSA Week and Elections will start this coming Monday at 7:00am and continue through Friday at 12:00am. The deadline was extended for candidacy statements. (3) Brobbel presented the GPSA week's calendar of event and called for volunteers to help on the various days.

VI. Old Business:

a. Tabled Agenda Item: Constitutional Amendment

Paul Thorn motions to table the item until after the GPSC election. Anne seconds. The motion carries.

VII. New Business:

a. **Elections Discussion**

The council reviewed the many reasons why it was holding its vote on GPSC representation in the coming week. Some of the issues discussed were the undergraduate focus of ASUA, the poor understanding of grad issues by ASUA, the continued misrepresentation of grad students by the ASUA, the continued active exclusion of grad student representation, ASUA's poor delivery of programs and an unfair division of funding

b. **Financial Aid Letter**

The council reviewed the letter to be sent to the Graduate College regarding the Regent's Set-aside funds for UA Graduate Students. After some discussion regarding the structure and language of the item, the council approved it to be sent.

VIII. Call to adjourn – At 7:42pm, Anne Murdaugh made a call to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Kathleen Corcoran, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by John Laughlin