

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA. GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 18th 2006

I. Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Jennifer deWinter

Present: John Laughlin, Nicholas Amatuzzi, Amanda Brobbel, Randi Tanglen, Paul Thorn, Jennifer deWinter, Jim Collins, Anne Murdaugh, Aaron Gubi, Elaine Ulrich, Kathleen Corcoran, Leslie Walker, Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez, Catherine Neish, Christina Vasquez, Tom LaGatta, Jenny Cohen, Nick Fernandez, Joe Van Opdorp, Shaun Halbert, Hrishi Shende, Laura Gronewold, Sandy Marshall, Kendar Dhane, Kathryn Williams, Boris Glebov, Joshua Scott, Melissa Sisco, Ariel Fisher, Claudia Benavente, Beth Specker

Proxies: Chris Brown, Luna Iris, Marni Glick, Eva Shaw, Pietro Valsecchi, Sarah Grace

II. Calls to the audience: None.

III. Reading and approval of minutes – Paul Thorn motions to pass the 4/4/06 minutes, Randi Tanglen seconds, the motion carries.

IV. Officer Reports:

President – Elaine Ulrich – (1) The Student Union fee did not pass and close to half of the voters were Graduate and Professional students; however, the Union is now looking to implement fees for clubs. (2) Marni Glick will be away to attend to family issues. (3) Elaine passed a card around for Dr. Likins and one for Sherry Jacobs for the council to sign.

External Vice President – Paul Thorn – (1) Issues with undergraduate tuition: Paul attended a rally in Phoenix to get more appropriations from the Legislation. (2) Current HB2816 would be beneficial for credit hour threshold; Senate Bill 133 would allocate 6 million in Financial aid; Senate Bill 1146 would give more Financial Aid to private institutions. (3) The ASA dollar back requests were not logged due to internal issues within ASA.

Internal Vice President – Jennifer deWinter reports a successful group forum meeting for constituents and also requests that further ideas on how to best serve constituents be sent to her; Jennifer also brought the New Directions Conference to be held this week on Thursday, Friday & Saturday to the council's attention.

Treasurer – Nick Amatuzzi – Applications are in for Club and POD funding, we will have a vote at the next meeting.

Secretary – John Laughlin – Nothing to report.

V. Representative and Director Reports:

Randi Tanglen: Has been informed that the EGU may write a letter to President Likins regarding leaving ASUA.

Catherine Neish: Commission For the Status of Women will have a recruitment session on May 3rd, 3:00pm & 5:00pm.

Anne Murdaugh: Speaking on behalf of Pietro, Ann and Pietro had a successful experience giving the Campus Emergency Response team feedback regarding how Graduate students were/would be affected by such activity. Also, Anne invites anyone who may be interested in giving blood this Saturday to contact her.

Kathleen Corcoran: Linkins will see out his term on the Campus Advisory Council and that his level of commitment is good.

Claudia Benavente: Claims there may be an issue with the February 1st Travel Grant Award funds and the Bursar. Claudia also notes that there have been issues with Int'l Services with regards to paperwork and VISA applications; also there are issues with ISPS dealing with flights before May.

Jim Collins: Reports that the Int'l Gateway on the U of A website is now an interest due to the GPSC's support.

Amanda Brobbel: There will be a social at Belushe's this Friday at 5pm.

VI. New Business:

a. **Officer Elections & Voting for GPSC Awards**

Assembly Chairperson – Randi Tanglen

Treasurer – Josh Scott

Secretary – Catherine Neish

Advocate of the Year – Paul Thorn

Volunteer of the Year – Leslie Walker

Director of the Year – Amanda Brobbel

Representative of the Year – Elaine Ulrich

b. **Orientation: Role of the President & Vice President**

Paul Thorn lead a useful discussion on the both the role of the GPSC President and Vice President. There will also be an orientation in the Fall.

c. **Schedule for Summer Meetings**

Paul asks for suggestions for summer meeting dates.

VII. Call to adjourn – At 7:49pm, Randi Tanglen made a call to adjourn; the motion was seconded by John Laughlin, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by John Laughlin