

# THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA. GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006

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

**Present:** John Laughlin, Nicholas Amatuzzi, Tom LaGatta, Claudia Benavente, Jim Collins, Josh Wright, Jennifer deWinter, Aaron Gubi, Chris Brown, Shaun Halbert, Elaine Ulrich, Anne Murdaugh, Randi Tanglen, Catherine Neish, Amanda Brobbel, Paul Thorn, Joshua Scott, Beth Specker, Gail Bradford, Boris Glebov, Joe VanOpdorp, Eva Shaw

**Proxies:** Hrishi Shende, Christina Vasquez, Kedar Dhane, Laura Gronewold, Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez

## II. Calls to the audience: None.

**III. Reading and approval of minutes** – Randi Tanglen motions to pass the 4/18/06 minutes, Anne Murdaugh seconds, the motion carries.

## IV. Officer Reports:

**President** – Elaine Ulrich – (1) Cade Bernsen has been found guilty of sexually harassing at least four women. (2) UA Wireless is going to start charging colleges on computing use based on the number of people in the college (faculty, staff, professionals, students). Computing use is currently based on number of telephones in a college.

**External Vice President** – Paul Thorn – (1) Attended ABOR meeting. Reports that undergraduate tuition has been set (the regents approved the recommendations made by the university presidents). ABOR also voted to change the tuition changing timeline. They will now set tuition at the November 30-December 1 meeting instead of in the spring. Presidents will need to present proposals by October 27. (2) Attended the ASA meeting. Reports that Maceo Brown (the ASA's former executive director) was found to have imbezzled more than \$200,000 from the organization. During the meeting, the ASA also passed bylaws to give the GPSC president the right to nominate a person for an ASA seat. This person will be an employee of the ASUA president. (3) A Faculty Senate Childcare Committee will be formed. One GPSC representative will serve on this committee. (4) The search for new GPSC directors is now underway.

**Internal Vice President** – Jennifer deWinter – (1) Attended a meeting of the Faculty Senate. Abstained on a vote regarding dual enrollment for undergraduate/graduate students (a program that would allow students to get both an undergraduate and a master's degree in five years). (2) Reports that the Department of English's budget has been cut by 10%. This cut will affect graduate students.

**Treasurer** – Nick Amatuzzi – Met with Josh Scott to transition treasurer position.

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

## V. Representative and Director Reports:

Randi Tanglen: EGU sent a letter to President Likins regarding the ASUA/GPSC relationship. He replied that he wouldn't engage in such a conversation. He suggested that the GPSC should collaborate with ASUA leaders to resolve the situation.

Jim Collins: Wrote a letter to the Graduate College asking them to amend or rescind a policy affecting non-degree seeking students. The policy relates to the "Authority to block non-degree students on repeated probation from registration." Jim claims that, "an academic performance policy is being used to sanction student misconduct."

Eva Shaw: Diversity Coalition will be meeting tomorrow.

## **VI. New Business:**

### **a. Presentation from the UA Wireless Group**

Tom Lowry from Computer Science and a woman from the Health Sciences Library presented the campus wireless plan from the UA Wireless Design Team. The plan calls for the coordination of many disparate wireless networks into one UA Wireless Network, encompassing 378 acres and 150 buildings on the main campus. The first areas to get wireless will be libraries, the student union, and new buildings. The Wireless Group is soliciting input from students to determine which areas they would like to focus on next. The council specifically discussed the pros and cons of having wireless in the classroom. The general consensus was that the priority should be on common areas (conference rooms, lounges, etc.), not classrooms. Comments can be directed to <http://www.uawireless.arizona.edu>, or [uawireless@arizona.edu](mailto:uawireless@arizona.edu).

### **b. Approval of Appropriations and Grants**

Nick Amatuzzi proposed POD funding for “Department of Chemistry, Alpha Chi Sigma” \$1250, “Student Affiliates in School Psychology (SASP)” \$1060, and “Critical Metaphor/Metonymy Group” \$1000. A discussion ensued about the policies relating to the use of POD funding for travel. Tom LaGatta motions to pass budget, Paul Thorn seconds. 1 against, motion carries.

### **c. Bylaw Amendment**

Rewrote Section 1 of Bylaws, “Qualifications for Awarding GPSC Representative Stipends.” The bylaw now states that attendance at GPSC meetings will represent 2/3 of the representative stipend, and proxying will not count as attendance. GPSC representatives attending more than 75% of the meetings will get the full 2/3; a prorated stipend will be awarded for GPSC representatives attending less than 75% of the meetings. The remaining 1/3 of the stipend will be earned by committee work. Change comes into effect 06/07.

Part C was added to the bylaw: “Representatives can make an appeal to the officers to receive a full or partial stipend in extenuating circumstances.” Elaine Ulrich motions to pass the amendment on the condition of the addition of Part C, Joseph VanOpdorp seconds. 1 against, motion carries.

### **d. Orientation: Events & Programming**

Amanda Brobbel outlined events run by the GPSC:

- Graduate Orientation – August 16
- Student Showcase – exhibition of graduate/undergraduate research to be held November 10-11
- Student Showcase in Phoenix – the winners of Student Showcase visit the legislature
- Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week

Paul Thorn outlined programs funded by the GPSC:

- Travel Grants – bimonthly award, max. award \$500, 1 grant per fiscal year, reviewed by 2 judges
- POD grants – 9 deadlines per year, max. award \$1500, 1 grant per year per group
- Club Funding – 9 deadlines per year, need to be a recognized club to apply (can apply for initial club funding of \$200, and then special club funding of up to ~\$1500)

### **e. Schedule for Summer Meetings**

Paul Thorn proposes four meetings during the summer: May 23, June 13, July 11, and August 1. Joseph VanOpdorp motions to approve the dates, Tom LaGatta seconds, the motion carries unanimously.

### **f. Inauguration of GPSC Officers**

Paul Thorn – president  
Anne Murdaugh – vice president  
Randi Tanglen – assembly chairperson  
Josh Scott – treasurer  
Catherine Neish - secretary

## **VII. Call to adjourn** – At 7:50pm, John Laughlin made a call to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Beth Specker, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Neish