

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA. GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 11th 2006

I. Meeting called to order at 6:06pm by Randi Tanglen

Present: Catherine Neish, Josh Wright, Claudia Benavente, Elaine Ulrich, Paul Thorn, Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez, Gail Bradford, Jennifer Cohen, Joshua Scott, Joe VanOpdorp, Kedar Dhane, Jim Collins, Sarah Mosher, Anne Murdaugh, Amanda Brobbel, Nick Fernandez, Boris Glebov, Aaron Gubi

Proxies: Tom LaGatta

II. Calls to the audience: None.

III. Reading and approval of minutes – Anne Murdaugh motions to pass the 6/13/06 minutes, Aaron Gubi seconds, the motion carries.

IV. Officer Reports:

President – Paul Thorn – (1) State passed budget on June 15. Good budget for university. Building renewal funds, increased funding for financial aid (in-state only, undergrads preferred). Enrollment of out of state undergrads up. Financial outlook for university good. (2) Attended ABOR meeting on June 21, 22 in Flagstaff. Policy changes regarding tuition and fees setting. Also ASA meeting. Submitted proposal that ASA work on student health insurance plan. Accepted. Made chair of student health insurance committee. Textbooks, voter registration. (3) First meeting with new President Shelton. Talked about student health insurance plan, tuition. Meeting again in August. (4) MTV to set up committee to review grad student financial aid. New ways to raise money. (5) Memo of understanding on student government, passed on to Sandra Taylor. Never left her desk, Likins didn't see it. Unclear what will happen now. Melissa Vito will take over process. (6) Glass prickly pear statue made for President Likins on his retirement. Will present to him at a later date. (7) Dan Adams intimidating Paul, stealing furniture, possibly because of negative outcome of union fee. (8) Directors meeting on Friday. Set up reports on peer surveys held last year. Randi and Sarah will draft reports. (9) First GradCat to printers on August 28.

Vice President – Anne Murdaugh – Greeted Shelton with Paul on his first day. Wants to schmooze with president more.

Assembly Chairperson – Randi Tanglen – Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Joshua Scott – Nothing to report.

Secretary – Catherine Neish – Meetings will be held every second Thursday in the fall, starting August 24.

V. Representative and Director Reports:

Amanda Brobbel: (1) Will order GPSC shirts tomorrow. Sent around sign-up sheet for sizes. (2) GO will be on Wednesday, August 16 at 8:30am. Amanda will send out a volunteer sign-up sheet at a later date (ex. registration tables, vendor fair, etc.). Program basically planned. Working to get more vendors to sign up.

Aaron Gubi: Clubs need to be recognized to get funding from GPSC. Need to attend orientation. GPSC not invited to committee on changing the club recognition process.

Jim Collins: Paul and Jim talked to Diane Horgan about graduate non-degree seeking policy. She claimed it was a purely academic policy (will kick out non-degree seeking students if they have GPA less than 3.0). Default is to do nothing. She's happy to have policy there and apply it when necessary. Jim concerned it's not uniformly applied to all students. University lawyer says it's okay. Waiting for feedback from Diane, update next time.

Boris Glebov: Suggests site on info for grad students set up in wikipedia format (can be edited by all).

VI. New Business

a. Guest Speaker – Marie Rozenblit, Career Services

Lizzie Schloss

What is Career Services doing with graduate students?

-discussion about services graduate students would like to see from career services

6 counsellors have direct access to students

Overview:

-provides services to all students and employers

-services: career counseling, assistance with part-time jobs, co-ops, internships, assistance to apply to grad student, career choice decision making, employers come to campus to interview students, resume referral service, career fairs (one in fall and spring), graduate school fair, teacher career fair, help with resumes/cvs, interview, job search, mock interviews, job listing service (wildcat joblink), career information center, computer lab

-track student usage (30% of graduate student population visited last year)

-confidential credential files available for humanities Ph.D.s

-things for grad students: workshops/presentations by request – target to specific disciplines (ex. Non-academic jobs for anthropology grads), work in class in speech and hearing: survival skills and ethics, focus on industry and non-academic employment

-links to websites useful to graduate students

-can sign up for newsletter (features upcoming events) on their website

-help people with process of exploration in the career world

What would we like to see?

-creation of specific graduate student counselor position (advocate for money for this position)

--exposure to jobs outside of academia

--programs “Preparing Future Faculty” – teaching skills, etc. (at ASU) (MTV: better for Teaching Center)

-more exposure of available services to graduate students

--flyer about career services for graduate students at GO, e-mail distribution

-panel of experts in certain field to discuss career options

-coordination of professional masters, dual MBA program, etc.

-specific newsletter for graduate students?

www.career.arizona.edu

Suite 411 in Student Union

b. Committee Assignments

Paul worked out committee assignments for everyone. Handed out decisions. Need to create new seat on Graduate Council (total of three). Needs to change its bylaw. Doesn't foresee a problem with this.

Internal committees. Chairs will set the meetings (~once a month).

Paul will contact external committees to let them know you're on them. Expect to be notified on meetings by first day of classes. If you don't hear anything, contact committee, or your internal committee chair. Report on what's been going on in external committees to internal committee chair.

If there's a conflict with your external committee, let Paul know.

c. Meetings with College Deans

Anne led a discussion on making yourself visible to your Dean. (see hand-out)

Suggest sending an e-mail to your Dean to introduce yourself, and request a meeting to introduce yourself in person and discuss your goals for your constituents (ex. health insurance, TA workload, etc.). Listen to the Dean's ideas. Portray yourself as a resource for information on graduate issues, and communication with graduates in the college.

VII. Call to adjourn – At 7:47pm, Elaine Ulrich made a call to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Josh Scott, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Neish