

GPSC Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 26, 2005

I. Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm by Jennifer deWinter.

Present: Paul Thorn, Tom Dexheimer, Pietro Valsecchi, Jim Collins, Catherine Neish, Amanda Brobbel, Anne Murdaugh, Leslie Walker, John Laughlin, Eva Shaw, Nicholas Amatuzzi, Chris Brown, Elaine Ulrich, Stephanie Vie, Elaine Ulrich, and Jennifer deWinter.
Proxies: Randi Tanglen, Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez, Marni Glick, Kathleen Corcoran, Luna Iris, and Hrishi Shende.

II. Calls to the audience: None.

III. Reading and approval of minutes: Changes: Pietro, for June 7th, proxied for Hrishi. Amanda, for June 7th, proxied for Tom D.

IV. Elections for secretary: A vote was taken for the unopposed candidate, John. His appointment passed with one abstention.

V. Officer Reports:

a. President/Elaine:

- Even though you already signed up for an internal committee, what we're going to do is sign up for an external committee at this point.
- There will be a Habitat for Humanity meeting this Thursday; anyone who wants to go please email Elaine. It will be in the Sabino Room.
- Presidential Search Committee: We do not have someone on that search committee, which is problematic because there is no one advocating for grad students. Because we're a huge portion of the teaching staff as well as students, we are trying to persuade them that we need a graduate student on the search committee. I have contacted the Dean of the college of science as well as the two students on the committee and have asked them to advocate for us on our behalf. He has promised to bring it up at the very first meeting and we hope that will help get this cause on people's consciousness.

b. External VP/Paul:

Paul sent an e-mail message to the students in SBS expressing his concern that there is no representative of graduate students on the UA president search committee. Some people have responded that, because Ben Graff, a law student, is on the search committee, there is a graduate student on the committee.

- Amanda: The point is that he is not a representative for graduate students because he's never really been appointed to be such.
- Elaine: The concern is that this is sending the wrong message about the importance of graduate students on this campus. So I think it's ok

for us to be angry about this because we do play such important roles here on campus.

- Paul: It should be feasible to set up a graduate student only forum to field questions from graduate students for the candidates.

- We will be doing a table at the international grad student orientation.

There is a spot on a handout for volunteers. The date will be Weds., Aug. 10 from 11:15-2 pm.

- Elaine: The upcoming board of regents meeting is Aug. 16 and 17. Even if you can attend for just the first fifteen minutes it will help. Probably it will be in the ballroom here, and probably will begin around 10 am. The agenda will be posted at www.abor.asu.edu and Elaine will send a reminder email as well.

- Paul: GPSC needs a brochure. Talking to people from printing and graphics services. Probably will order about 1,000 or so. The purpose is to be a basic informational pamphlet. We will give them out at the Graduate orientation in a packet and then also in the GPSC offices, reps can post them around, etc.

- Elaine, Jen, and I met with Harry McDermott and Kris Kreutz to talk about the student health program. We wanted to do some research to find out what students would be willing to pay for extra services not currently covered. There is a health insurance advisory board committee. Last year we had one rep; this year we asked for two representatives and we were allowed to do that for this time. They will be coming to our constituency meetings—one of the two of them will be at every meeting. So they can answer questions from graduate students at these meetings.

c. Internal VP/Jen:

- Constituency Meetings: If you need to switch dates, we should do those now because people can wrangle their dates in person right now. There are two meetings that I have to change (pharmacy and Eller) because I started them beginning on Labor Day. We have five more weeks before these meetings start.

- We had our meeting with Mel Engels (Grants and Appropriations Director) and would like to do a judge appreciation for the travel grant judges.

- From now on, all questions for committees go to Elaine; only constituency meeting questions go to Jen.

d. Treasurer/Nick

- A meeting with Sherry Jacobs to discuss this year's budget will be set soon.

e. Secretary/Stephanie:

- Nothing to report. Congratulations to John.

Questions on Officer's Reports: None.

VI. Representative and Administrative Reports:

- There were concerns about not being able to open files with other operating systems (i.e. Linux, etc.) We should find a site where we can put files and we can also cut and paste as well as attach the files to the emails. Really complex documents like the constitution can be posted to the website.

- Paul: The proposed rec center fee for 2009 thru 2011 has been tabled. Instead they plan to extend the \$50/year fee indefinitely. That will still be voted on, however.

- Amanda: I will be ordering GPSC t-shirts. Does everyone like the shirt we got last year? When we decide on the style we will send around a sign-up sheet with your sizes and such. The last year's design was a red polo shirt. If we wanted to save money we should get the same shirt. Or we can order uniform shirts for each year's council, which is normally what we do. I'll bring an example of a boy's shirt and a girl's shirt to the next meeting.

- Anne: Talked to Beth Harrison about the international GAT position we had seen posted a few weeks before and Dianne Horgan didn't know much about the position. So until we get further information, that's sort of up in the air.

VII. Old Business: Graduate Orientation:

- Amanda showed a preliminary clip art for the GO t-shirt (theme of "tools for success"). It will be white on a red t-shirt. We also have a preliminary program; we have 16 paying vendors and about 20 campus organizations that want to be involved, but this will probably increase. I need to make sure to get lots of you to volunteer to stuff packets for GO. We will stuff information packets on Friday, August 12th. Do the thing that fits your schedule best, either info packets Friday in the morning or being there on the day of GO to set up, be at the GPSC information table, stand in the rooms and be on hand if something goes wrong, etc. The GO is Monday, August 15th. We need people to volunteer for registration tables around 8 am. If you can come prior to 8 am, that would be helpful. The GPSC info booth will be from 12-2 pm. There is free food for volunteers.

VIII. New Business:

- GradCat: Paul: we will try to get a GradCat out (our newsletter) the first week of school. Stephanie (Communications Director) will be doing a lot of the work on putting this together. Please give us suggestions for topics and things to cover. We were thinking things like various groups' clubs and organizations, announcements about other grad student organizations' activities.

- John: Would be nice to have an events section.

- Elaine: We should be able to solicit from departments what is going on in the upcoming months.

- Paul: Anything that would have a wide appeal to graduate students, that would be great. I will remind people of wanting things a few weeks before each GradCat. There will be some standard things that will be in each issue—current reps, officers, etc.; mission of the GPSC; etc.

- Jen: Could we spotlight different colleges and have people from those colleges talk about that?
- Paul: That would take a while...but if there is demand we can do that. It costs about \$1,200 each issue.

PhD Comics:

- Amanda: We are thinking of having the author of this comic, Jorge Cham, come to speak. Our graduate college can't pay for us to have him come, so we are trying to figure out whether we want to try to pay the whole thing ourselves or partner up with someone else to try to support it. It will be about \$2,225 for him to come. His talk would be about being in graduate school and will be focused somewhat to that audience.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Next meeting is in La Aldea on August 23rd, the day after school starts, 6-8 pm (this is at 825 East 5th St. in between Coronado and the Tyndall garage). There is a Zone 1 parking lot behind Coronado or a 3-minute walk from campus.
- GPSC social is on the 19th and representative orientation is Sat. the 27th from 9-1.

IX. Call to Adjourn: Pietro called to adjourn, John seconded. Motion passed. 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Vie