

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA.
GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 11 August 2004

I. Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Thomas Kinney

Present: Kevin Bates, Tom Dexheimer, Mark Zubriski, Stephanie Golisch, Dawn Hill, Jessica Lohff, Thomas Kinney, Amanda Brobbel, Marc Barrow, Ken Cardell, Kevin Lichtenthal, and Paul Thorn.

Proxies: Pietro Valsecchi, Jani Radebaugh, James Eddy, and Nadia Sylvestry Rodriguez.

II. Calls to the audience: No response.

III. Reading and approval of minutes – Thomas Kinney made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Stephanie and the motion carried.

IV. Officer Reports:

- A. **President** - Amanda Brobbel - Amanda mentioned that she will be meeting Jim van Arsdale (Director of Campus Housing), and later with Melissa Vito (Dean of Campus Life), to discuss the letter that the GPSC prepared in support of the graduate tenants of La Aldea. Amanda also mentioned that GO would be attended by 12 paying vendors. (We will try to have even more paying vendors next year, by beginning our solicitation earlier.)
- B. **External Vice President** - James Eddy - James was unable to attend.
- C. **Internal Vice President** - Thomas Kinney - Thomas needs to have everyone's contact information. Thomas described various tasks relating to GO for which he would like to have help from GPSC reps (including Folder stuffing, at 9am on the 12th, and help with setup and cleanup on the day of GO, starting at 8:30am on the 17th). Thomas announced that the first GPSC Social would take place on the 27th at the Shanty from 6pm 'til 9pm. Thomas also announced that the deadline for new candidates for the GPSC will be August 24, and elections will be held on the 26th and 27th.
- D. **Treasurer** - Paul Thorn - Budget report – Amanda and Paul will be meeting with Dean Velez and Dean Voorhees before preparing the final budget for 2004/5.
- E. **Questions on Officer reports** - None asked.

V. Representative and Committee Reports: Stephanie reported that the Head of the School of Theatre will now be serving double duty as the Head of the Media Arts Program.

VI. New Business: None.

VII. Old Business:

- A. **New GPSC Logo** – The new GPSC logo was presented to the council. Many of the council members felt that we should find a new logo sometime in the near future. (Unfortunately, there had been little time to consider the aesthetic merits of the present logo prior to making our order for the GO T-shirts.)
- B. **Relationship to the ASUA** – Three documents were circulated to the council members in attendance. (Amanda also sent these to the GPSC-listserv.) The documents were entitled: (1) "ASUA petition", (2) "Gaining Representation for Graduate Students on the Arizona Student Association", and (3) "Dissolution of Relationship between GPSC and ASUA". The first document contained text for a proposed amendment to the ASUA constitution. There was a consensus that the petition to the ASUA was adequate. The other two documents were drafts of documents that could be used to explain the reasons for the proposed amendment to the ASUA constitution. Several minor errors in the text of the two documents were pointed out. Several more substantive suggestions were also made. Both (2) and (3) should contain more background information that would place the other information contained in the document in context for the majority of graduate and professional students who know little (or nothing) about the ASUA or GPSC.

Second, (3) should mention and briefly discuss the disparity in the ASUA and GPSC budgets. Finally, (3) should mention the fact that graduate and professional students are restricted from voting for or running for ASUA senate positions.

- C. The Fall Meeting Schedule** – It turned out that the Fall schedule of meetings conflicted with the schedule of at least one GPSC rep. Because such conflicts are virtually inevitable, and because our meeting place has already been reserved, the GPSC schedule of meetings will not be changed.

- VIII.** At 6:50, Thomas made a call to adjourn the meeting. Dawn seconded the call for which there was unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Thorn