

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA[®]

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 23rd 2005

I. Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Jennifer deWinter

Present: Tom Dexheimer, Leslie Walker, Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez, Randi Tanglen, Eva Shaw, Mike Pajor, Nicholas Amatuzzi, Marni Glick, Pietro Valsecchi, Anne Murdaugh, Catherine Neish, Paul Thorn, Jennifer deWinter, Elaine Ulrich, Jim Colling, Amanda Brobbel, Sarah Grace, Beth Specker, Luna Iris, Kathleen Corcoran, John Laughlin and Jim Collins.

Proxies: Hrishi Shende, Chris Brown

II. Calls to the audience: No Response.

III. Reading and approval of minutes – John Laughlin moved to approve the minutes from July 26th, the minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Officer Reports:

President – Elaine Ulrich – Elaine informed us that President Likins has presented a budget for the 2006 fiscal year and that he is pushing the State for more money. Elaine also had an update on “Child Safe”: there will be two new lactation centers and better support for families in the coming months. A thanks to Amanda Brobbel and ASUA.

External Vice President – Paul Thorn – There has been no progress at an attempted meeting with the director of Financial Aid. Dates for socials have been scheduled as follows: Movie Night, 9/22; Belushi’s, 10/21; Movie Night, 11/10. Any proposed changes Paul is willing to accept via email. There are going to be elections for the council openings in the College of Education, Architecture/Landscape, and Center for Interdisciplinary programs—reminders will be sent, elections to be held on 9/18. There has been a slight delay with the GradCat for effectiveness; positive feedback was received for submission content (keep it coming), comic strip to be included. Budget: 1.3 Billion has been approved for fiscal 2006; this is up 34 million from last year (2.7% increase).

Internal Vice President – Jennifer deWinter – There will be an upcoming discussion on the U of A incomplete policy. John Laughlin contested the matter so it will not return to the council until further research. “SuccessNet” will be implemented for T.A.’s teaching undergrads, the computer program will allow T.A.’s to report a problem student to their advisor. FICA: The missing \$50.00 will be returned; if you haven’t been reimbursed (or know people that have not), contact Jennifer deWinter. A reminder was sent out for the GPSC orientation Saturday, August 27th (9am-1pm) in La Aldea. If you have not done so, Jennifer deWinter urges you to get room assignments/dates for constituency meetings. Health insurance reps will be attending the meetings.

Treasurer – Nicholas Amatuzzi – Reports that the budget looks good for this coming year.

Secretary – John Laughlin – Nothing to report.

V. Representative and Director Reports: None

VI. Old Business:

A. Graduate Orientation – Amanda Brobbel reports that there was an increase in advance registration, but 10% didn’t show; there was an increase in vendors for off campus and we received x2 the income for GO this year. GO had an increase in cost; 25 vendors last year compared to 50 vendors this year; prices increased, sessions increased, overall: SUCCESS

B. Presidential Search Committee – Elaine Ulrich reports after attending the Board of Regents meeting and asking to be added, GPSC was denied a seat on the Presidential Search Committee. However, we will have a “Grad-only forum” to voice grievances and issues. This will be held on 10/12 from 3:30-5pm.

C. Revised Proposal for the Rec Center Fee – Increase had been proposed, but the Administration has backed off. Administration is now pushing a referendum to extend the \$25/semester fee indefinitely. Post year 2011, the fee would remain a Rec Center fee. Paul Thorn proposed to bring the Director to GPSC. Vote was tabled.

VII. New Business:

A. Changing Application Dates for POD/Club Funds: Paul Thorn proposed the following, more frequent deadlines for Club/POD grants: 8/15, 9/15, 10/15, 11/15, 1/15, 2/15, 3/15, 4/15, 6/15.

B. Changing the Cap on Club Funding: Paul Thorn moves to remove sub-heading B from Section 2 “Club Funding” under Article IV – “Funding Guidelines.” Subsection C would replace subsection B in Article IV, Section 2 : “Club Funding” would read:

- A. The maximum award for an initial club funding request would be \$200.*
- B. Any recognized club with a membership of at least 50% post-baccalaureates may apply for GPSC club funding provided that the club has not received ASUA club funding during the present academic year, and is not presently applying for ASUA club funding. (Clubs who participate in Spring Fling are still eligible for GPSC club funding)*

Paul Thorn moves to pass the changes for both Application Dates for POD/Club Funding and the Cap on Club Funding. Elaine Ulrich seconds, the vote passes unanimously.

C. La Aldea Shares Their Concerns: Most concerns that were voiced had to do with improper notice of entry into an apartment by management and the lack of accommodations for graduate families who wish to live in La Aldea. The general consensus was that La Aldea is better off since having been taken over by The University of Arizona, but that there are still areas in policy that need work.

VIII. Call to adjourn – At 7:26, Jennifer deWinter made a call to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by John Laughlin. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by John Laughlin