

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA[®]

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 6th 2005

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

Present: John Laughlin, Elaine Ulrich, Nicholas Amatuzzi, Amanda Brobbel, Randi Tanglen, Marni Glick, Chris Brown, Paul Thorn, Anne Murdaugh, Sarah Grace, Hrishi Shende, Eva Shaw, Jennifer deWinter, Leslie Walker, Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez, Jim Collins.

Proxies: Tom Dexheimer, Kathleen Corcoran, Catherine Neish, Luna Iris, Kimberly Shea

Guests: Fernando Ascenco, Sam Chang, Josh Wright

II. Calls to the audience: Sam Chang introduces himself as the ASA delegate for Graduate students; he will be attending meetings and he encourages GPSC to use him as a branch b/w ASUA and GPSC; Josh Wright – Public Administration Grad student and Dir. Of Safe Ride also introduces self

III. Reading and approval of minutes – Nick A. moved to approve the minutes from August 23rd, Paul T. seconds: the minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Officer Reports:

President – Elaine Ulrich – Thanks go out for successful GPSC Orientation; EU met with Carla Stoffle (Dean of Library) and feedback is requested from grad students as to how the library is/is not helping Grad Students. This info can be passed along to EU. In addition, there is talk of adding a library fee, this might be added to the technology fee. Hurricane Katrina: U of A currently housing 50 undergrads/10 grads, U of A will defer tuition, students who had paid in full will not pay again, students who have not paid will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Differential Tutuion: some grad programs and one in Eller; we will most likely be returning to this idea throughout the year; bring this up in your constituency meetings.

External Vice President – Paul Thorn – PT met with Dan Adama (Student Union) and Juliette Moore (Rec Center) to encourage them to attend a GPSC meeting. Dan Adams will attend 9/20 and Juliette Moore will sched later as she has personal matters involving Louisiana. Grad Cat has been published and is being distributed (to T.As and R.A.s).

Internal Vice President – Jennifer deWinter – Be mindful of the upcoming Constituency meetings, Campus Health is trying to accommodate all colleges. Dept of English will be meeting with the Provost to discuss 2-2 v. 2-1 teaching.

Treasurer – Nicholas Amatuzzi – Nothing to report.

Secretary – John Laughlin – Nothing to report.

V. Representative and Director Reports: Randi Tanglen – is looking into insurance policies at constituency meetings, let her know of any issues that arise. Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez - At U of A South 100 students can't graduate, reports on stats (PhD/MA) degree. Amanda Brobbel – Election apps were due last Friday, GPSC will have all seats filled on the council this semester, let AB know about your t-shirt preference, there will be an upcoming Child Care group meeting-GPSC will be working with them, U of A Bookstore is accepting donations for Katrina relief

VI. Old Business:

A. Presidential Search Committee – Fred Boice will be attending a GPSC meeting on 10/4. The first meeting of the Prez search committee will be on 9/8.

VII. New Business:

- A. GPSC Budget:** Nick A. – budget is strong for this upcoming year, this is new money for Club & POD funding. There is the issue of making up the \$ for Showcase. Elaine Ulrich motions to pass the Budget for 2005-2006, Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez seconds, the Budget passes unanimously.
- B. Club Funding for Pharmacy:** Nick A. brings a request before the council for a club requesting \$415 and asks if the council will approve said request. Nick A. motions, Paul T. seconds, request passes unanimously.
- C. ASA Dollar Back:** Paul Thorn – last year there was a campaign to try and get the \$1.00 back from ASA. A website has been created to now allow students to request their dollar back. PT urges council members to pass this information along to constituents. This request can only be made during the first 21 days of each semester.
- D. Organizing a Student Union:** Paul Thorn – PT received an email extending an offer to help Grad students form a union. Issues such as stipends and health insurance could be handled by this union. The general consensus of the council was that forming a union would not be a good idea, but mostly, GPSC has had success in the past due to its many appointments to the many committees in the University.
- E. Showcase:** Amanda Brobbel – has been working with Paul Thorn; 5 depts that have never funded Showcase will be this year. GPSC has yet to get a response from the Dean, but typically GPSC receives funding from the Grad College. If need be, GPSC can make cuts in the number of participants and as a second option, prizes could be cut. 10/4 is the application deadline for participants (this is also listed in the Grad Cat).

VIII. Call to adjourn – At 7:26, Anne Murdaugh made a call to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Chris Brown, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by John Laughlin