

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA[®]

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 20th 2005

I. Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Elaine Ulrich

Present: John Laughlin, Elaine Ulrich, Nicholas Amatuzzi, Amanda Brobbel, Randi Tanglen, Marni Glick, Chris Brown, Paul Thorn, Anne Murdaugh, Hrishi Shende, Eva Shaw, Jennifer deWinter, Leslie Walker, Jim Collins, Luna Iris, Beth Specker, Pietro Valsecchi, Kimberly Shea, Beverly Wilson, Catherine Neish, Kathleen Corcoran, Aaron Gubi, Claudia Benavente

Proxies: Tom Dexheimer, Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez

Guests: Josh Wright,

II. Calls to the audience: Stephanie Hartz announces that the Wildcat World Fair will be held on 10/29 and 10/30

III. Reading and approval of minutes – Kimberley Shea was changed to a proxy for 9/6, The spelling of “Ascenco” was corrected, “Insurance Policies” was added to Randi Tanglen’s 10/6 report. Elaine Ulrich moves to pass the minutes for 10/6, Nick Amatuzzi seconds, the minutes pass unanimously.

IV. Swearing in of New Representatives – Beverly Wilson (Arch. & Urban Landscape), Aaron Gubi (Education) and Claudia Benavente (Interdisciplinary) were all sworn in according to State and GPSC codes.

V. Guest Speakers

- a. **Student Union – Dan Adams:** Essentially, Mr. Adams informed to council that there are many “possibilities” for how a proposed fee would work for students. Having gained the sense from many parties (such as Residence Halls and Greek Life) that a mandatory meal plan would not be acceptable, he wanted feedback on a proposed “Student Union Fee” that all students would pay at the U of A. The general sense from GPSC was as to what graduate and professional students have to gain from paying such a fee? As of the present, the council felt that while the Union had been accommodating to Graduate and Professional Students, there has also been a feeling of exclusion with regards to the various “lounges” in the Union. GPSC said that it *might* be in favor of a fee, if Graduate and Professional Students had something to gain from paying such a fee. Mr. Adams was asking if GPSC would be in favor of a vote for the fee; GPSC felt it needed more time to discuss the issue.
- b. **Rec Center – Juliette Moore and Klindt Breckenridge** – Proposing to merely extend the current rec center fee (\$25) indefinitely, Ms. Moore and Mr. Breckenridge explained the plans for the proposed renovations to the student Rec Center. The current plan is “flexible” according to the reps from Rec Center. In addition, the U of A’s plan was constructed after looking at several of our peer institutions and determining how the U of A’s needs compare. Such schools include (but are not limited to): ASU, UCLA, Univ. of Washington and Univ. of Oregon. Two of the major concerns the council voiced had to do with a desire for women only designated areas, but more importantly, locker rooms that would be only for graduate and professional students.

VI. Officer Reports:

President – Elaine Ulrich – Stated she will report at a later time

External Vice President – Paul Thorn – There will be a film shown on Thursday, September 21st thanks to Catherine Neish; there will be a social on 10/14 at Belushi’s; Grad Cats have been distributed; NAGPS: conference for Nat’l Assoc. of Graduate & Professional Students will be at the Univ. of Miami on 11/9 thru 11/13, GPSC could send one person to attend; Announcement regarding the Director of Financial Aid will be moved to the next meeting

Internal Vice President – Jennifer deWinter – Committee of 11 met and faculty said that Graduate students need representation on the Presidential search committee, Faculty Senate reports cuts introduced to library funding, Constituency meetings are moving along well

Treasurer – Nicholas Amatuzzi – having monthly meetings with Shirley Jacobs and will get a monthly report; \$35K has been deposited from Res Life to the GPSC account; we are ahead on the budget for Constituency meetings; things looking good

Secretary – John Laughlin – Name plaques have been distributed and will make ones for the new reps

VII. Representative and Director Reports: Eva Shaw asks for the GPSC to support the Global Fund, more information was requested by the council; Amanda Brobbel reports that most of the funds have arrived for Showcase and over 10 new depts. have contributed funding, Gateway Grants are due by 9/23, Amanda’s endorsement has been sent out with regards to wanting childcare changing stations installed; Beth Specker informed the council that the Writing Center will be offering Grad student services and asked for the councils support/endorsement of such services; John Laughlin brought to the council’s attention the new policies of the library with regards to ILL requests and books that have been called back...has had complaints from constituents

VIII. New Business:

A. **Josh Wright as Alternative Representative:** Mr. Wright wishes to become an alternative rep for GPSC. Elaine Ulrich motions to table the vote, Amanda Brobbel seconds, motion carries.

IX. Call to adjourn – At 8:10pm, Chris Brown made a call to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Nick Amatuzzi, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by John Laughlin