

# THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA<sup>®</sup>

## GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 2005

#### I. Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Jennifer deWinter

**Present:** John Laughlin, Elaine Ulrich, Nicholas Amatuzzi, Amanda Brobbel, Randi Tanglen, , Paul Thorn, Anne Murdaugh, Eva Shaw, Jennifer deWinter, Leslie Walker, Jim Collins, Beth Specker, Pietro Valsecchi, Tom Dexheimer, Catherine Neish, Claudia Benavente, Sarah Grace

**Proxies:** Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez, Chris Brown, Luna Iris, Kimberly Shea

**Guests:** Regent Fred Boice

**II. Calls to the audience:** Eva Shaw wishes to discuss endorsing the Global Fund—topic was moved to later in agenda

**III. Reading and approval of minutes** –EVP reports that “NHPS” should read “NAGPS;” under IVP report, the senate has “reported” cuts have been introduced. Anne Murdaugh moves to approve the minutes, Pietro Valsecchi seconds, the motion is carried unanimously.

#### IV. Guest Speaker Regent Fred Boice

Mr. Boice reports that the search is only in its beginning stages and stressed the importance of confidentiality in the current search. He expects 75-125 names to be submitted and by 10/25 there should be a short list of c.25. Mr. Boice also encouraged the GPSC and its constituents to submit names.

Boice claims that the role of Graduate students would be vital in the mind of a candidate, but this cannot be promised as someone coming from a military or corporate background might not have the necessary insight.

The new president would face issues such as a rising student population, faculty retention, and grants.

The search is striving to include both female and minority candidates.

Boice assures the GPSC that the current President’s “Open-Door” policy would most likely continue.

The grad-specific “Presidential Search Forum” will be held on 10/19 in the North Ballroom at 3:30pm.

#### V. Officer Reports:

**President** – Elaine Ulrich – Went to the Board of Regents meeting which included University re-design and tuition. The non-voting student regent resigned to “...devote more time encouraging others to vote and hold the State Legislature more responsible.” With Kathleen Corcoran, the Commencement Policy Committee: A revote as to whether to have a separate grad student speaker at commencement will take place due to ASUA. The ASUA reps have requested a revote on the question of whether to have a separate grad student speaker.

**External Vice President** – Paul Thorn – The Rec Center proposal will be voted on 11/14/05 and 11/15/05. NAGPS in Miami (there is still an opening for a rep to go). Social @ Belushe’s 10/14, 5-8pm. The Nov. issue of the Grad Cat will have a spotlight section, list the POD grant winners, and include a story about University mandatory fees.

**Internal Vice President** – Jennifer deWinter –If time, please respond the questionnaire sent over the listerv; Committee of 11 is having guest speakers all term, so let the IVP know of any issues; a congrats sent out to all for a successful round of constituency meetings, next term we may move to a forum or pair with a social. Elaine and Nadia are now on the new Dean of Grad College search committee, so send any names to either of them.

**Treasurer** – Nicholas Amatuzzi – Will be meeting with Sherry Jacobs and will report next meeting.

**Secretary** – John Laughlin – Nothing to report.

#### VI. Representative and Director Reports:

Jim Collins: Would like to add an item to the next meeting’s agenda regarding the new non-degree academic probation policy

John Laughlin: Proposes changing the word “research” in the Showcase literature so that Fine Arts students might feel more welcome to submit material; distributing vital information regarding new Grad-only Financial Aid staff.

Eva Shaw: A request for the GPSC to endorse the Global Fund and add this to the next agenda

Elaine Ulrich: Opti-Sci distance learning is not performing up to standards, Elaine asks for anyone with experience in matters regarding distance learning to contact her

Amanda Brobbel: Showcase will be on 11/4+5, encourages those in low turnout in areas such as Architecture and Education to apply, fundraising is going well, there will be a signup sheet at the next meeting.

## **VII. New Business:**

### **a. Report from the Appropriations Committee**

Nick Amatuzzi makes a motion to approve funding for: Library Student Organization, Water for People, Arizona Anthropologist, and Baby Cats Too (initial and stipend). Discussion: Jim Collins asks if there will still be funding for the other cycles, Nick Amatuzzi assures of funds. Elaine Ulrich seconds, the motion carries unanimously.

### **b. Writing Center Endorsement**

Beth Specker asks for an endorsement of the GPSC for a Grad-only portion of the Writing Center to be created. Elaine Ulrich motions to endorse a proposal that the GPSC believes this to be a good idea, John Laughlin seconds, the motion carries.

## **VIII. Old Business:**

Jennifer deWinter moves to table the addendum to the Elections Code. Nick Amatuzzi seconds, the motion carries unanimously.

**IX. Call to adjourn** – At 8:05pm, Jennifer deWinter made a call to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Jim Collins, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by John Laughlin