

GPSC Meeting Minutes Wednesday 10/8/03

In attendance: Jani Radebaugh, Dawn Hines, James Eddie, Den Cardell, Karen Sweazea, Shannon Vaffis, Christian Lander, Kyle Baughman, Maricela Meza, Tom Dexheimer, Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez, James Little, Veronica Diaz, Brittney Williams, Thomas Kinney Amrita Chugh, Erika Geiger, Jim Collins (proxy), Roberto Flores (proxy), Michael Thieme (proxy), Felipe Ip (proxy)

- I. Call to order Williams 6:05 pm
- II. Roll call (see above for attendance) and introduction of new office director, Kari Beardsley. Wildcat reporters also in attendance.
- III. Skip to New Business:
 - D. Vote in last of the new representatives
 - i. We swore in Rachel Neal and Dawn Hines of SBS, and Christian Lander of Fine Arts, and Shannon Vaffis of Public Health.
 - ii. This completes our college representation, all spots are filled!
 - E. Vote in At-Large representatives
 - i. Two At-Large candidates read their statements to the council (we know of only one other, Felipe Ip, who will read his statement next meeting). Both James Eddie and Nadia Sylvestry-Rodriguez were voted in as At-Large representatives unanimously.
 - ii. Only one other spot remains
- IV. Reading and approval of the minutes—no minutes to approve
- V. Officer reports
 - a. President—Radebaugh talked about recent conversations with Melissa Vito (dean of students) and J. P. Benedict (Student body president) about the relationship between our two organizations (ASUA and GPSC). We are discussing the possibility of having two student body presidents, an undergraduate and a graduate, as they do at ASU for the first time this year. We will also talk about having better resources (budget) and space. She discussed the 50% tuition remission, how “fees” are really in-state tuition, and all GA s (TA s and RA s) got a 50% remission from the 50% tuition increase this year, so they didn’t notice an increase. We’d like to move this to 100%, with the idea that the legislature wouldn’t ask us to pay the in-state tuition anymore. Administration is worried about this, except Tom Hixon and Dick Powell, who support it. Hixon (“dean” of graduate college) would like to move graduate enrollment up from 22% to 25% over the next few years, keeping in mind that it costs money to recruit and support graduate students. Also mentioned that having an HSI for graduate students is costly and difficult, often must bring in students at an assistant professor pay rate.
 - b. External Vice-President—Diaz mentioned that she hasn’t been to too many meetings lately, except Faculty Senate, but will have more at next meeting.

- c. Internal Vice-President—Williams deferred report to New Business, as she would talk about Showcase
- d. Treasurer—Broebbel out of town
- VI. Representative and Director reports—no reports
- VII. New Business
 - a. Shared Governance Memorandum of Understanding—Radebaugh discussed a document circulating among campus groups requesting input on the administrative reorganizations that occurred this summer without the input of campus groups. They've asked us to look at the document and decide how we would change the document or prepare to deal with future breaches of the memorandum.
 - b. T-shirts—Erika has collected everyone's sizes and color preferences, most barely prefer grey. She will order them from the advertising line of the budget this week or next. We discussed having more than one color, but decided one color would set us apart more effectively.
 - c. Showcase update—Williams discussed we are moving along on Showcase, office director Kari Beardsley also is working hard on this. We need more applicants, both undergrad and grad, we currently have 8. Deadline is 10/24, but will be extended a few more days if necessary. Will be asking for volunteers to help escort judges on Saturday 11/8 and help participants put up their presentations.
 - d. See above, already covered
 - e. See above, already covered
 - f. Discussion of new GPSC committee assignments and responsibilities—Radebaugh distributed a list of items for each committee to think about over the coming months. Also asked reps to consider other items that may apply to their committee descriptions.
 - g. Financial Aid/Scholarship problems—Diaz mentioned that several students have had big problems in obtaining their financial aid if they carry only 6 credit hours. She asked for other experiences with this—James Little mentioned he had this problem but it was resolved easily by going to the financial aid office. Brittney Williams claimed the same experience. Sweazea knows of some students who have had problems. We will continue to monitor this.
 - h. Committee break-out session—all committees met around the room for 10 minutes to discuss their ideas for the coming semester.
- VIII. Call to adjourn--~7:30?