

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA[®]

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, 12 October 2004

I. Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Thomas Kinney

Present: Paul Thorn, Marc Barrow, Kazungu Maitaria, Pietro Valsecchi, Kevin Bates, Kevin Lichtenthal, Nadia Sylvestry Rodriguez, Jani Radebaugh, Tom Dexheimer, Rachel Neal, Hung Tran, Jessica Lohff, Jim Collins, Thomas Kinney, James Eddy, Amanda Brobbel, Jennifer deWinter, and Kathleen Corcoran.

Proxies: Kale Klumpyan, Kristina Betts, Megan Nielsen, Mark Zubriski, Karen Sweazea, and Craig Quintana.

II. Calls to the audience: No Response.

III. Swearing in of New Representatives: Jim Collins was sworn in as a rep for non-degree students.

IV. Reading and approval of minutes – Thomas moved to approve the minutes for the last meeting. Jessica seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

V. Officer Reports:

President - Amanda Brobbel – Since our last meeting Amanda met with members of BabyCats to discuss ways in which the GPSC could help to support students at UA who are interested in better child care services. Amanda announced that the director of the student health center would attend our next meeting. The director will speak for a large portion of the meeting. Amanda spoke for a moment about the article she had forwarded to the list-serve that discussed TA and RA salaries at American universities.

External Vice President - James Eddy – James reported that he met with the UA foundation to discuss the possibility of receiving funding for GPSC travel grants. The foundation had some suggestion for how we might go about raising funds on our own. James asked reps to keep their constituents informed about the discussions regarding the possible restructuring of the state's universities. James mentioned that he was going to see whether the UA alumni association would be willing to help fund GSA week.

A. **Internal Vice President** - Thomas Kinney – Thomas announced that, for personal reasons, Dawn Hill and Ken Cardell have resigned from the council. Thomas gave the council an update on his efforts to secure GPSC representation on all important university committees.

B. **Treasurer** - Paul Thorn – Paul gave a report on the GPSC budget, and announced that he will be conducting a survey of student governments at UA peer institutions.

C. **Questions on Officer reports** – Marc Barrow asked whether Amanda knew when the university would be taking over La Aldea. Amanda said that the takeover would occur no sooner than mid-November.

VI. Representative and Administrative Director Reports: Tom announced that the collaborative MBA-GPSC tailgate party would occur on October 23. Rachel mentioned that she would be holding a constituent meeting on November 18. Marc announced that an art exhibit promoting diversity would be coming to the UA in February. **In conjunction with that exhibit there will be a poster competition for a local design.**

VII. Old Business:

A. **Advising Surveys** – Nadia reported on the advising survey that she and other GPSC reps had conducted last year. The results suggested that many grads were troubled by the fact that faculty advisors were not diligent in meeting and advising their students. Jani and Paul agreed to bring the issue up at the next meeting of the Graduate Council.

B. **Update on UA contact information** – Thomas asked the members of the Strategic Planning and Administrative Issues committees to gather the remaining UA contact information. Each committee member was asked to sign up to gather information for ten departments.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Declaration of Right of Self Determination** – Amanda explained that the document, “Declaration of the Right of Self-Determination for Graduate and Professional Students”, would be sent to various UA administrators for the purpose of communicating GPSC’s position and intentions. Jani proposed two friendly amendments to the document. In the second sentence of the second paragraph, Jani proposed replacing “space” with “space and funding”. Jani also proposed that we switch the order of the two numbered items in the final paragraph. The amendments were accepted. James made a motion to endorse the document. The motion was seconded by Jim, and passed unanimously.
- B. NAGPS Student Action Day** – Amanda asked reps to encourage others to fill in the online petition on legislation pending on reducing the interest rates on student loans.

- IX. Call to adjourn** –At 7:04, Thomas made a call to adjourn. James seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Thorn