

# THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA. GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 2005

### I. Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Jennifer deWinter

**Present:** John Laughlin, Elaine Ulrich, Nicholas Amatuzzi, Amanda Brobbel, Paul Thorn, Jennifer deWinter, Leslie Walker, Jim Collins, Catherine Neish, Sarah Grace, Marni Glick, Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez, Aaron Gubi, Kathleen Corcoran, Pietro Valsecchi, Chris Brown, Josh Wright, Anne Murdaugh, Claudia Benavente, Kim Shea

**Proxies:** Beth Specker, Randi Tanglen, Eva Shaw, Beverly Wilson

**Guests:** None

### II. Calls to the audience: None.

**III. Reading and approval of minutes** – Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez proposes to pass the 10/18/05 minutes, Paul Thorn seconds, the motion passes unanimously. Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez moves to pass the 11/1/05 minutes, Chris Brown seconds, the motion carries unanimously.

### IV. Officer Reports:

**President** – Elaine Ulrich – Extends a thank you to Amanda and Paul for a successful Student Showcase and a good job to all for another successful movie night. (1) Childcare Group meeting: Heather Gasser working with FMR, a survey of students will take place until 300 student parents are contacted to get a better sense of student parent needs, the money to help these families would come from the Christopher City endowment; (2) Yearly Housing Guide: there is currently child resource information listed in the back of the publication and there is talk to take this information out and make it available as a separate document to better target student parents; (3) Enrollment Planning Workgroup: they are currently exploring strategies to recruit more students, 11/15/05 marked their first meeting where various tuition models were presented; the University will make less tuition money next year than they did this year, so that is a negative difference in net tuition revenue if tuition is not increased, thus a likely increase will be 4.5% for undergrads and 9% for graduate students across the board. Remission for grad students should reach 80% next year.

**External Vice President** – Paul Thorn – (1) Grad Cats should have been distributed to departments. (2) This year's Student Showcase set three new records: the greatest number of participants, the greatest amount of funds given in prizes, and the greatest amount of funds raised. (3) Paul Thorn distributed flyers to the council to help promote the GPSC's next social at Bumstead's that is being coordinated by Josh Scott. (4) Paul Thorn urges the council to encourage their constituents to vote on the new Rec Center fee as if grad turnout is high enough it may give the council some leverage with regards to the proposed Student Union fee. (5) There is currently a proposed increase in the enrollment for the number of graduate and professional students and in addition, the number of current graduate students was misquoted in the Daily Wildcat.

**Internal Vice President** – Jennifer deWinter – Nothing to report

**Treasurer** – Nick Amatuzzi – Will be meeting with Shirley Jacobs on 11/16/05. At the council's next meeting Mr. Amatuzzi will have more funding approvals.

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

### V. Representative and Director Reports:

Nick Amatuzzi: Regarding Int'l T.A.'s, Nick has an update from Dianne Horgan: Three new people have been hired with the goal of improving ITA effectiveness: (1) TA for development of cross-cultural listening program (\$20K); (2) TA for Mentoring/Team Teaching program (\$22K); (3) Adjunct faculty for Pronunciation class (2 sections with 22 ITAs) (\$10K)

Amanda Brobbel: GPSC shirts are in, so please come and claim yours. Amanda also extends a thank you to council members for their help with Student Showcase. With regards to Childcare, flyers are being created; let Amanda know if you need information for the lactation stations.

## **VI. New Business:**

### **a. Bylaw Amendment Regarding GPSC VP's Roles**

Paul Thorn brought to the council's attention that there is currently a discrepancy between the GPSC constitution and bylaws regarding the duties for the GPSC VP. Paul Thorn motions to have all instances in the Bylaws of IVP changed to EVP and references to IVP changed to EVP to resolve the issue. Elaine Ulrich seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

### **b. Graduate Student Representation Poll (language)**

After much debate it was agreed upon by the council that for "Question 1" the poll to be sent out regarding GPSC elections will state: "Should the GPSC President be elected by the graduate student body as a whole? Currently, the GPSC President is elected internally by GPSC representatives." "Question 2" was decided to be worded well with the only change being the addition of "(ASA)" after Arizona Students' Association as to not be confused with ASUA. The inclusion of the words "pros" and "cons" were decided to be stricken from the poll and in place "Reasons to vote Yes" and "Reasons to vote No" were implemented. Elaine Ulrich motioned to pass the poll barring such changes, Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez seconds, the motion carries unanimously.

Paul Thorn then made a motion to hold voting on the poll between the dates of 11/30/05 to 12/2/05. John Laughlin seconds, the motion carries unanimously.

### **c. Spring Constituency Meetings (discussion item)**

Jennifer deWinter wanted the council's opinion for changing the Spring constituency meeting to a 2 forum format due to lower turnout than expected this past Fall. Concerns expressed by the council included (but were not limited to): forums would most likely not be able to address the specific needs to the different colleges on campus, the spirit and sense of what these meetings were deigned for would be lost or at least diminished, turnout is most often based upon location. The council decided that it might be best to keep the meeting structure as is, but simply add 1-2 open forums that students could attend. Jennifer deWinter mentioned that she is working on getting representatives from the library involved in the meetings for Spring '06.

### **d. GPSC Support for Lactation Stations**

Currently, there is only a chair present in each of these rooms and Amanda Brobbel brought this fact to the council's attention. By endorsing and donating money, the council would be providing not only necessary amenities for these stations, but would also be helping to promote the stations and perhaps encourage other organizations to follow in terms of support. Amanda presented the council with an itemized list of needs for the stations and asked the council to endorse a \$300.00 donation that would go towards the purchase of x2 nursing stools, x1 bulletin board, signage & marketing/brochures. Jennifer deWinter motions to pass the appropriation of GPSC funds and endorsement, Paul Thorn seconds, the motion carries unanimously.

## **VII. Old Business:**

### **a. Student Union Fee**

### **b. Financial Aid**

Paul Thorn made a motion to table all Old Business, Jim Collins seconds, the motion carries unanimously.

**VIII. Call to adjourn** – At 7:52pm, Kathleen Corcoran made a call to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Pietro Valsecchi, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by John Laughlin