

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

## GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 2005

#### I. Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Paul Thorn

**Present:** John Laughlin, Elaine Ulrich, Nicholas Amatuzzi, Amanda Brobbel, Randi Tanglen, Paul Thorn, Eva Shaw, Jennifer deWinter, Jim Collins, Catherine Neish, Sarah Grace, Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez, Pietro Valsecchi, Chris Brown, Josh Wright, Anne Murdaugh, Claudia Benavente, Tom Dexheimer, Hrish Shende, Beth Specker

**Proxies:** Leslie Walker, Marni Glick, Kathleen Corcoran, Luna Iris

**Guests:** Julie Pulliam

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

**III. Reading and approval of minutes** – Randi Tanglen motions to pass the 11/15/05 minutes. Chris Brown seconds; the vote passes unanimously.

#### IV. Officer Reports:

**President** – Paul Thorn speaking for Elaine Ulrich – (1) On 11/16/05-11/18/05 Optical Sciences voted 79-1 in favor of leaving ASUA. There was an opinion article in the Daily Wildcat on 11/29 regarding the event. (2) The initial search for the new Dean of the Graduate College has been completed and names have been sent to Leslie Tolbert. The Graduate College will have a new Dean beginning this January.

**External Vice President** – Paul Thorn – (1) 42.6% of voters for the Rec Enter fee were graduate & professional students. The fee has not received final approval, but President Likins will bring these numbers to the Board. (2) HR609 was tabled on 11/10/05 and not voted on. However, HR4241 which included HR609 was voted on the following week and passed by 2 votes. The bill still has to be received by the Senate. (3) The poll on Graduate Student representation will start on 11/30/05 and run until midnight on 12/2/05. (4) ABOR will be this Thursday and Friday where they will ratify a response to State Bill 1517 regarding a cap for resident undergraduate tuition. (5) There will be a social this Friday at Bumstead's on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.

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

**Treasurer** – Nick Amatuzzi – Mr. Amatuzzi presented the council with a paper regarding the GPSC's financing of clubs and POD grants. He reports that Club and POD funding is currently \$2K over budget, but this is nothing to be concerned about as sufficient reserves exist in the buffer line item. Additionally, the timing of the January deadline is expected to result in a decreased number of applications which will help offset the deficit.

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

#### V. Representative and Director Reports:

**Nadia Silvestry Rodriguez:** The Grad council is looking for individuals to review awards. Contact Dr. Velez if interested. The webpage for non-degree students will be redesigned. There will be two new PhDs created: one joined with an institution in Germany and another in Nursing.

**Amanda Brobbel:** Phoenix Showcase planning is in progress. The projects will be shown at the hotel in an effort to cut costs due to the fact that the UA Legislative Advocacy office was unable to reserve the legislative lawn for the appropriate day this year. The Graduate College wants to change T.A. appointments from being paid over 10 months to 9. More on this issue is forthcoming.

**Randi Tanglen:** There was an article in the Wildcat regarding the research we have done in healthcare insurance at our peer institutions. It was good press for the GPSC and we do work for Graduate Students

## **VI. New Business:**

### **a. POD & Club Funding**

Nick Amatuzzi makes a motion to fund: Dept. of History and Center for Latin American Studies (\$1250), Art History Graduate Student Assoc. (\$700), Lang. Reading & Culture Dept. Graduate Student Assoc. (\$800), Digital Arts Club (\$450), Academy of Student Pharmacists (\$70), Graduate Finance Assoc. (\$350) and UA HIV/AIDS Forum via Students of College of Public Health (\$1050). John Laughlin seconds the motion and it carries unanimously.

### **b. Policy on Supporting External Resolutions**

Jennifer deWinter brought a document before the council regarding a policy for the GPSC support of any future organizational endorsements. The council found issue with the third point and some other minor language issues. John Laughlin made a motion to pass the policy with the intent that the changes to the language would be made. Elaine Ulrich seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

## **VII. Old Business:**

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

Dan Adams has asked the ASUA to call for a vote of the student body. It was brought to the council's attention that Mr. Adams has been offering funds to various groups if they would endorse a Student Union fee. The proposed "Fee Allocation" chart that has been circulating was seen to be grossly inadequate by the council. The council decided that it was not in favor of any new fee at this time.

### **b. Financial Aid**

The council revisited the debate over how need-based Financial Aid should be distributed. Once again, after much debate, it was decided that the council simply did not have enough information on hand to put anything into motion. This will most likely be an agenda item next term.

**VIII. Call to adjourn** – At 7:37pm, Eva Shaw made a call to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Pietro Valsecchi, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by John Laughlin