

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA[®]

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

General Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 15, 2009
La Aldea community room

I. Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm by David Talenfeld - no quorum, all voting measures deferred to future meeting.

Present: David Talenfeld, Russel Potter, Cory Christenson, Bryan Korth, Lauren Sekora, Lucy Blaney, Jim Collins, José Álvarez, Brenda Verdugo González, Alan Schumacher, Chizanya Mpinja, Mabel Crescioni

Proxies: James Johnson (Korth), M'Balia Thomas (Blaney)

II. Call to Audience - none

III. Officer Reports

a. President - *David Talenfeld*

Met with Chris Nagatta (ASUA) and Heather Roundtree at Student Affairs about possible future event. Entertaining idea of a ball in the spring, looking to put out a survey to determine what students are interested in followed by formation of committee

Points raised:

L. Blaney - check in with fraternity/sorority, maybe willing to participate, also look to find a room for child care, more inclusive and raise awareness to child care issue.

C. Christenson - formation of early committee to handle survey as well as results may allow for improved decisions and efficiency.

b. Vice President - *David Lopez-Negrete - not present*

c. Treasurer - *Cory Christensen*

Concerning budget and transition - Transition still occurring, GPSC now under Student Affairs, money is carrying into the GPSC account, ~\$4k from previous account. Authorization form for reimbursement to go out shortly, D. Talenfeld, C. Christenson, and J. Gerlach (E.D.) will have authorization to approve.

d. Secretary - *Bryan Korth - none*

IV. Representative and Director Reports - none discussed

V. Questions for Officer, Representative and Director Reports - none

M. Crescioni - Concern about support for council with losses in GPSC office. Concerned what activities D. Talenfeld plans to be involved in around office that may take away from other, high visibility events.

D. Talenfeld response - same number of people from previous years, just different titles. Have restructured CoS into office manager. S. Bieda III willing to help with policy director on a as

needed basis. Previous year, CoS was bumped up to half-time RA from hourly wage, occurred because able to and was necessary. Willing to re-evaluate if necessary as needed in the future.

L. Blaney - Quarter time GA better than hourly due to added benefits, insurance, remission, etc. Would be better to have a quarter GA versus equivalent half time hourly due to benefits.

D. Talenfeld - GA benefits would have to be covered by GPSC at a fixed percentage, can look into changing office manager position to quarter time GA.

L. Blaney - Does the search go out publicly?

D. Talenfeld - Call does go out publicly, likely through program coordinators, can look into find better dissemination method as well as involving more individuals in council in the hiring process.

M. Crescioni - Would like to see a formal description of what jobs each individual in the office is going to handle, how is each role going to be handled and divided. Would like to see something concrete.

D. Talenfeld - Will work out a description and division prior to next meeting.

VI. Reading and Approval of Minutes - postponed to future meeting

a. May 6, 2009

b. June 17, 2009

VII. Old Business

a. GPSC Budget - Cory Christensen - discussed above

b. Question/Responses from previous meetings

L. Blaney - How is interaction with ASUA going?

D. Talenfeld - Interaction has improved, has met with C. Nagatta and H. Roundtree in various capacities. Feels that the overall interaction on all levels is improving, less concern about titles and more focus on helping students.

J. Collins - Concern about history of ASUA and GPSC in past, how is that being viewed currently?

D. Talenfeld - Previous ill feelings and how viewed were likely part of the problem, if can improve, will likely take small steps and commitment on both sides.

L. Blaney - Better feeling of organization, since both under Student Affairs, could the GPSC encourage others to become more open, posting minutes etc. Also look to involve/become better acquainted with fraternities/sororities on campus.

M. Crescioni - Must keep in mind that constituencies are very different, likely that some priorities are different but on some key issues, i.e. budget, can find common ground.

D. Talenfeld - Will look to improve interaction with ASUA but, "I will not spend any GPSC funds, will not commit to any activities without council approval in regards to ASUA". Will help to have member of council present at ASUA meetings, looking for volunteers.

****L. Blaney and A. Schumacher agreed to coordinate liaison to ASUA position****

c. Graduate Orientation - August 19, 2009 - all day event - Contact J. Gerlach

D. Talenfeld - Please sign up and contact J. Gerlach - Will be at event all day, hopes to see most individuals that are present at summer meetings help out.

VIII. New Business

a. Fall Meeting Schedule - David Talenfeld - likely to set up for Wednesdays. Next planned meeting is August 12, 2009

IX. Call to Adjourn - meeting adjourned at **7:30 pm** by D. Talenfeld