

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

## GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

General Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 12, 2009  
6 pm, Law 168

I. Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm by David Talenfeld, no quorum obtained at time of call, all voting measures deferred.

Present: Russel Potter, Lauren Sekora, Cory Christenson, David Talenfeld, Lucy Blaney, Alan Schumacher, Jessica Gerlach, Bryan Korth, November Papaleo, Francisco Barrios, Brenda Gonzalez, Jim Collins, Helena Morrison, M'Balía Thomas

Proxies: James Johnson (Christenson)

II. Call to Audience - none

### III. Officer Reports

- a. President - *David Talenfeld* - deferred to old business
- b. Vice President - *David Lopez-Negrete* - none, not present
- c. Treasurer - *Cory Christensen* - deferred to old business
- d. Secretary - *Bryan Korth* - none

### IV. Representative and Director Reports

- J. Gerlach - deferred to old business

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

### VI. Reading and Approval of Minutes - deferred to future meeting

- a. June 17, 2009
- b. July 15, 2009

### VII. Old Business

#### a. GPSC Budget (revised)

**D. Talenfeld** - Biggest revision is that office manager is now 0.5 GA compared to hourly previously. Money was freed up from reduction of stipends for president and vice president as well as monies allocated for computer equipment and a small portion from POD funding. Overall office manager has same funding level as previous year, 2008-2009 council. Office manager work load warrants the 0.5 GA funding as attested by J. Gerlach and other members in the office. Applicant chosen by executive board, but D. Talenfeld open to allowing other members of council in on process if involved in interview process.

#### b. Surcharge Fee

**C. Christenson** - According to the Graduate College if have a 0.5 GA/RA, the fee is covered by the university. If at 0.25 GA/RA, graduate college will pay 1/2 of the surcharge and the student will be responsible for the remaining portion.

**c. Graduate Orientation**

**J. Gerlach** - GO is Wednesday, August 19th. Currently 582 people registered for event, should provide a cushion, allocated for 600 people. If available to help, contact J. Gerlach, looking for volunteers for registration and lunch, registration time needed: 7:45-8:45. For volunteers working during the lunch hour, looking to provide lunch, enough money to cover participants and volunteers. Registration occurs at atrium to Grand Ballroom, Memorial Union, events are in Grand Ballroom.

**d. Gmail Contract**

**J. Collins** - has sent a letter to FERPA office, waiting on reply. D. Talenfeld will contact general council early next week.

**e. GPSC Social @ The Shanty**

**D. Talenfeld** - spoke with Bill Nugent at the Shanty, possible that Shanty may not be able to fully cover due to financial difficulties. D. Talenfeld would like to move forward and advertise. Event date and location: The Shanty, 4th avenue and 9th street, Friday August 21, 2009, 6-8 pm. Information will go out shortly.

Possible Professional student mixer, Saturday August 29th, likely 9 pm on. Will be posted soon, waiting to have confirmation from

**f. External Committee Assignments**

**D. Talenfeld** - Would like to have people on committees that want to be on. Will look to disseminate a list and description so that can get feedback. At next meeting will look to assign and finalize list.

**VIII. New Business**

**a. Fall Meeting Schedule - David Talenfeld**

Hold in Law 168, Wednesdays 6 pm. Starting September, 2nd 2009

**b. Other Things**

**Fees/Workload etc.**

**J. Collins** - Concerning fee policy statement - a number of questions/suggestions put forth by council about incoming fees were not acknowledged or implemented. Concern that cost of taking 1 credit was \$343 while fees amounted to \$178.

**H. Morrison** - College of Nursing hit harder, have an additional \$1000 fee to keep program. Must keep in mind that even though minority did not have substantial positive gains, the majority of students have benefitted.

**D. Talenfeld** - response - Work of the council and individuals that put time into fee policy and change did get a number of fees removed/alterd to the surcharge which allows for inclusion in fellowships etc. On the whole, small steps in a positive direction. Need to keep in mind that we are being involved in the discussion and the process where as in the past it hasn't happened. In order for students to have voice, need to continue having people in the rooms when the decision is made and that will come from people being involved.

**M. Thomas** - Less concerned about fees and surcharges but more concerned about time and workload. May be easier to get students behind a change in workload/hours versus money.

**D. Talenfeld** - Motioned to move the discussion of workload/teaching load/money to policy committee for further discussion.

**Social Events**

**M. Thomas** - Question about including undergraduates in events, in particular intention of meeting in June 2009. Feels that must be careful about the purpose and location of the event or will likely sour graduate student opinion.

**N. Papaleo** - June 2009 meeting included a discussion about how to bridge both sides, how to have the student, both graduate and undergraduate, become more active in university and community. The proposed ideas were just brainstorming. The necessity of having appropriate event is understood and future discussions will be sure to include these concerns.

**IX. Call to Adjourn** - Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm, motioned by J. Collins, seconded by R. Potter, unanimously approved.