



2014 Graduate Student Council Meeting Minutes

Details:

Date: October 29, 2014
Time: 12:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Location: 8th floor Board room -Dean B. Ellis Library
Arkansas State University, Jonesboro
Minutes submitted by: Pamela Shultz

Meeting Minutes:

Executive Board

Dalia Tejada – President dalia.tejada@smail.astate.edu
Josh Bramlett – Vice-President josh.bramlett@smail.astate.edu
Juanjuan Li – Treasurer juanjuan.li@smail.astate.edu
Pamela Shultz – Secretary pamela.shultz@smail.astate.edu

Board Attendees: Dalia Tejada, Josh Bramlett, Juanjuan Li, Pamela Shultz, and Elizabeth Swagerty

Council Attendees: Shaina Nicholson, Seth Fendley, Kimberly McFall, Edna Holt, Amber McCammon, Robert Vernocy, Rachel Welicky, Meghan Pope, Tolulope Lawal, NingNing Zhang, Justin Carothers, Bryant Moy, Anthoanette Kommeh

I. Call to Order and Welcome Note:

Dalia Tejada, President, called the meeting to order at 12:29 pm. Dalia welcomed members and asked everyone to review the minutes for approval. Juanjuan noticed that the attendance should be added. Shaina made a motion to approve minutes with attendance added. Rachel seconded. All were in favor.

Reports:

President Report- Dalia mentioned an invitation to participate in a Mindfulness and Biofeedback study to learn better ways to relax and reduce stress. The study will be conducted in the Psychology lab. For more information contact Ariel Nations at ariel.nations@smail.astate.edu.

Dalia also mentioned that the Student Research Council meeting for Oct 22 was canceled and the next meeting would be announced via Daily Digest. They would be electing officers for the Student Research Council at the next meeting.

Dalia also recognized and congratulated four GSC representatives for their nominations as Outstanding Nontraditional students: Amber McCammon (Above and beyond), Leslie Malland (Leadership), Jose Tovar (School Pride), and Shaina Nicholson (Volunteerism). They will be attending the ceremony and dinner on November 4th.

Vice President Report- None

Treasurer Report- Travel fund approved additional applications for student travel. Juanjuan also mentioned that there is currently \$700 available for monthly activities.

Secretary Report- none

Other Reports: None.

Committee Reports:

Dalia stated that the Shared Governance committee requested that we vote on the Smoke-Free Policy. They also discussed teaching credit for Ph.D., their possible role in a new organization, and reorganization of colleges to reduce the number of colleges and deans.

Shaina attended the Development Communications and Alumni Committee and stated that there is a new Android version of SMART Campus app. She also stated that they discussed how the university is becoming more bike friendly.

Dalia asked that people to join the committees since two people will be graduating, and these positions will need to be filled.

II. Old Business: Guest Tim Crist

III. Open Floor: None.

IV. New Business:

Updated budget was passed out, and Dalia explained the officer stipend and also explained that we revised constitution and changed the amount of stipend officers received to an equal amount instead of varying amounts. The banquet each year is our largest expense. This was our third year hosting the banquet and April will be the fourth banquet to honor graduate students.

Dalia recognized Juanjuan for her excellent work on travel and budgeting stating she is very organized and well-documented.

- Smoke-Free Policy voting- vote in favor or against policy
 - In favor-3
 - Against-8
- GSC Activities:
 - Friday Nov. 7th dinner at 6pm Larry's Pizza.
 - Friday Nov 14th Bowling at 6pm. Jonesboro Bowling center.
Bring a friend and send an RSVP.
- Elections for vacant positions

2015 VP-Seth stated he would be interested in VP position.

Josh asked if the position will last through Dec. Official elections will be in April; however, voting now is for the vacant positions and the title will be interim until official elections take place in April.

Dalia requested that Elizabeth be nominated as VicePresident. Motion made and seconded.

Shaina motioned that Seth be VP it was seconded by Pam

Dalia nominated Justin for VP he is a political science major.

Amber nominated Elizabeth for President and Rachel seconded it.

Each candidate stated a little bit about themselves for the council to vote on.

President nominations were Justin and Elizabeth

Vice President nominations were Justin Seth Elizabeth and Bryant

Elizabeth received 16 votes for President

Seth received 8 votes for VP

Justin received 5

Bryant received 1

Zac received 1

New officers elected for Executive Board 2015:

- Elizabeth is the New President Interim
- Seth is the new Vice-President Interim

Amber mentioned the Psychology bake sale that was going on downstairs on the second floor of the library. There is also going to be a Book Sale 8-2 M-T next week.

ASU Bookstore Gift Card Winners:

Antoanette Kommeh

Edna Holt

V. Adjournment: 1:17pm