GSC Meeting October 20th, 2010

I. Call to Order

Meeting convened at 12:00 pm

II. Yearbook pictures

Pictures for the yearbook were taken.

III. Reports from Committee Meetings

a. Graduate Council- there will be a hiring of a new person in the Nursing program making CRNA a PhD program
b. Lecture Concert Series met
c. Technology and Education met
d. Shared Governance met- a lot of things tabled, Humanities and Social Sciences proposal for finishing the building

IV. Open Forum

Roundtable discussion on people’s problems with ASU:

1. Financial aid efficiency/communication issues
2. International graduate student funding/employment (can’t get work study)
3. Transportation for international students (from airport to ASU)
4. Art Department scholarships for graduate students
5. Health insurance for those with graduate assistantships
6. Create a community for international students/conversations partners for ESL
7. Teaching assistants in each department
8. Nursing books being out of date (talk of proposal being drawn up and sent out)
9. Graduate student mentor program- help graduate students who are unfamiliar with ASSU, technology, Jonesboro, campus, etc. through a new student orientation. Host a Grad Day to introduce new grad students. (Committee was formed with Kevin as the Chair, along with Jacob and Venky.)
10. International student insurance costs and requirements (Committee formed to investigate and research problems with the health insurance, Jacob as Chair)
11. International student scholarships

V. Humane Society

GSC will be volunteering at Jonesboro’s Humane Society on Saturday, November 6th from 10 am to 2 pm.
VI. NAGPS

Didi McCann has been chosen to attend this conference.

VII. Dismiss

Next meeting was set for Wednesday, November 3rd at 12 pm.