

GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (GSC) MEETING –MARCH 28, 2012



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I. CALL TO ORDER

☞ *Meeting was called to order at 11:00am on March.28, 2012 at the board room, Library, ASU.*

☞ *Sign in sheet was passed instead of roll call.*

II. REPORTS

☞ *President’s Report:*

- President welcomed guests, graduate students and all the council members.
- Notified all, that Secretary Liting has resigned from the post early that week due some personal reasons , and Usha Ramanathan-the present GA, will be the interim secretary until the elections(April 18 2012).
- In regards to the meeting minutes, she said that the minutes are pending to be posted on the website yet, and assured that would be done before the next council meeting.

☞ *Treasurer’s Report:*

- The total funds are separated in to 3 categories Operation fund/Travel fund, Scholarships and Aid.
- The outstanding total balance is 10637.71\$
- The treasurer’s detailed report was passed around the table for clarification.
 - DiDi- Motioned to accept the treasurer’s report
 - Tom –Seconded it.
 - Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

☞ *Vice President’s Report on SGOC:*

- Tom informed the council that he had attended the meeting of the University Planning committee, where in he found that the agenda emailed contradicted the one followed in the meeting.
- He also told that had raised a notification to that committee about the tuition fee difference, and they agreed to look in to the issue.

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- Tom also stated that he has pointed out to the committee about the Graduate assistant’s pay raise promise discussed earlier, which was then differed as a student issue from Dr.Stripling to Andy. Andy said that whenever the staff gets a raised pay so would the GA’s.
- His final report stated about the athletic fee, excellence and academic fee increased by 2\$, and there would be an additional technology fee to be charged the following year. Next year ASU is about to receive 75% funding.
- He also stated that there was an email from Sheena about the lecture concert committee.

☞ *Representative’s Report:*

- Amanda stated that her department would not allow the students to do internship until they complete.
- DiDi differed the issue stating that it to be a completely departmental issue, because it was a part of the academic curriculum and it varies from department to department.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- DiDi notified all that it was the last meeting before elections, which will be held on April 18th 2012, and the nomination would be accepted until 11.00am, April 4th 2012.
- The new officers are to be seated on the last council meeting of the semester (April 18th 2012).

III. OLD BUSINESS

- DiDi informed everyone that the banquet to be held on April 2nd was cancelled due to lack of interest from the graduate students. Very few RSVP’s were recieved.
- Tom stated that the awards would still be given out to the winners.
- *DiDi* – Read the proclamation from the governor, declaring that from (April 2nd - April 6th) would be the graduate appreciation week throughout the state of Arkansas.

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- And as token of appreciation, April 2nd breakfast and April 3rd Lunch would be offered to all the graduate students at the GSC office.

V. OPEN FLOOR

- ☞ Jason brought up the council that things wont get done if GSC is not able to reach out to the graduate students, and to be there a walk-out should be organized.

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VI. ADJOURNMENT (MARCH 28TH, 2012 @ 12:05 PM)

- Meeting adjourned at 12.07 pm Motioned by Brittney
Seconded by Tracis, agreed unanimously.