

GSC Meeting, 09 Feb, 2011

1. **Opening:**
 - a. **Roll Call** - Core GSC members and representatives from an array of graduate departments participated in the roll call.
 - b. **MOM Review** – Deferred until next general meeting scheduled on 02/23.
 - c. **Treasury Report** – No active budget at this time.
 - d. **Shared Governance Committee Report** – Didi McCann (GSC President) attended the *Graduate Council Committee meeting* and Tom Henry (GSC Internal VP) attended the *Shared Governance Committee meeting*. A general report on the salient points of these meetings can be found in the appendix section of this document.
Tom Henry requested all the GSC reps appointed on various committees to draft a report on the salient points churned out during their respective upcoming meetings.
2. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Open Committee Spots** – Two spots need to be filled in one each for Computer Tech and Technology fee respectively.
 - b. **Amendments to GSC Constitution and Bylaws** – Following two amendments/additions to the GSC Constitution and Bylaws need to be incorporated:
 - i. Changing the GSC meeting frequency schedule.
 - ii. Adding a new section for general GSC meeting protocol (refer appendix for respective proposals)
 - c. **Voting Process** – For voting on various issues, an open majority voting process will be followed. Secret ballot voting system has been ruled out.
 - d. **Announcement of voting** – The above amendments to the GSC constitution will be voted in two weeks time on Feb 23rd in the next general GSC meeting.
 - e. **NAGPS** – GSC reps need to car pool in order to attend the meeting which will be conducted between 18th March and 20th March 2011 in Denton, TX. Overall expenses need to be shared by the reps. There is a call for paper. Anyone interested in putting their issue forward needs to contact Didi ASAP.
 - f. **Office and permanent meeting room for GSC** – No headway as far as the office space for GSC is concerned. Board room on the 8th floor of the library will be the venue for general GSC meeting for Spring 2011 semester unless executive administration is in need of the meeting room.
 - g. **International Students Insurance** – Krishna Bista and his committee who are working on this issue could not make it to this meeting, possibly due to conflict with other meeting they were supposed to attend.
 - h. **Graduate Student orientation** – Tom Henry is working on the design of a brochure containing comprehensive information needed by newcomer graduate students to get in terms with university campus as well as off-campus avenues including living, dining, recreation, public transport, shopping etc.
 - i. **Business department concerns** – Unavailability of few of the core courses throughout the academic year is a pressing concern for the business student. Mark Randall from History department and Venkatesh (GSC Secretary) need to sync and power up to deal with this issue.
 - j. **GA Tuition Waiver** – To increase the awareness of this issue, Tom Henry urged the GSC reps to read the proposal for GA tuition waiver available online on GSC website.
 - k. **+/- grading system** – Mark Randall could not make it to the meeting and no development on this front could be made thus far.
 - l. **Structure and funding Review Strategy:** The executive meeting that was scheduled on 02/02 did not happen as Didi was going thru some health issues. This point will be worked upon in the upcoming exec meeting scheduled for 02/16.

- m. **PR campaign** – Tom Henry asked the GSC reps to get actively involved in the following ways to boost the awareness of GSC:
 - i. Attending SGOC meetings
 - ii. Putting banners in OIP
 - iii. Sending GSC brochure in new students welcome packets
 - iv. Broadcasting importance of GSC during the student orientation programs
- 3. **New business**
 - a. GSC Logo got approved by Dr. Sustich (Dean of Graduate School)
- 4. **Meeting Adjournment**

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Current

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Proposed

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Section 3: Meeting Agendas

The Graduate Student Council President or his/her designated representative shall be solely responsible for organizing and scheduling Graduate Student Council meeting agendas.

However, the following are required of each ‘full council meeting’: ‘roll call’, ‘reading and approval of the minutes’, ‘treasurer’s report’, and ‘shared governance committee reports’. Any and all of these required segments are allowed to be omitted only in cases of extremely unusual time limitations.

At the conclusion of every full Graduate Student Council meeting, at least five minutes must be allotted for ANY currently enrolled Arkansas State University graduate student (regardless of GSC membership) to address the full Council regarding issues that they deem warrants the Council’s action.

Graduate Council Committee Meeting Report
by LaDesta 'DiDi' McCann
Graduate School Conference Room - 3:30 P.M. on February 7, 2011

We met for the first time this semester and we did have quorum even though it snowed that day. Everything passed unanimously and with little discussion.

BTEC 6593 'Testing and Evaluation in Business Technology' was deleted on the basis that it had not been offered in recent years and therefore would have no impact on the student population or department.

ACCT 6053 'Financial Statement Analysis' was deleted because it has never been offered before and in order to remove dormant classes from the course catalog. It was mentioned, of course, that nothing prohibited Finance from offering the course however. It is the same course as FIN 6053 though not technically cross listed in the bulletin.

Also in Accounting, it was proposed to change Prerequisite for ACCT 6033 Advanced Accounting and Reporting from ACCT 3033 Intermediate Accounting III to Prerequisite or Co requisite ACCT 3033 Intermediate Accounting III or equivalent content. The Justification was because Undergraduate Intermediate Accounting sequence was recently expanded from two to three courses and these changes are necessary to reflect the undergraduate coursework as well as to provide consistency between course specific prerequisites and program requirements.

Staying in Accounting, a proposal was submitted to change the Admission Requirement for Master of Accountancy (MAcc) from Intermediate Accounting II to Intermediate Accounting III or equivalent content, in order to provide consistency between course prerequisites and admission requirements.

In Communication Disorders, CD4103 'Fluency Disorders' was expanded to CD4103/5103 in order to reflect the dual listing of a newly proposed graduate course.

Also in Communication Disorders, CD 6103 'Stuttering' was deleted, but the content will be taught in the newly proposed dual listed CD 5103 above.

Also in Communication Disorders, CD6703 Articulation Disorders will be deleted, however the content will be taught in the newly proposed dual listed CD 5703 'Articulation and Phonological Disorders'.

Last, the new CD 5703 'Articulation and Phonological Disorders' was approved as a new course to be offered.

SGOC Meeting Committee Report

by Tom Henry

Second Floor Conference Room #203 DRC - 3:15 P.M. on February 7, 2011

For the first time, in a very long time, a representative of the Graduate Student Council was present at a Shared Governance Oversight Committee meeting. This committee is, for the most part, the “gatekeeper” of all proposals and resolutions involved in the “Shared Governance Process” at Arkansas State University. This committee is most likely, one of the two or three most important committees on campus for addressing policy issues. I am happy to say that a number of committee members were very excited to see us ‘back at the table’. Both before and after the meeting I had a chance to speak with a few of the members, and you will ALSO be pleased to know that they raised the issues that we have been discussing BEFORE I did, and that they are very favorable to the idea of passage this time.

New Business:

The SGOC has been working on a short statement regarding Information Technology Management, Security, and Privacy, and this short statement has been fraught with revisions and debate requiring a very long time to get finalized. That statement went through proper shared governance procedures. However, the SGOC was given very short notice that the Administration had placed a 30+ page ‘Interim Policy Proposal’ covering the same ground and inevitably more. The SGOC was also informed that this “ASU System Proposal for an Interim Policy on Information Technology management, Security, and Privacy” was already being placed on the next Board of Trustees’ Meeting Agenda. Additional information was given that it was as a result of an audit (but no mention was given of whether it was a Legislative or private audit). This infers that the Administration was attempting to rush the approval process into a shorter time period than normal ‘Shared Governance’ requires.

Therefore, the SGOC decided to put the proposal through normal shared governance protocol, and to draft a response to the Administration sharing the committee’s concerns that the way this was submitted could/would set precedent by which the entire ‘Shared Governance Process’ would be bypassed.

Due to the common concerns of the above mentioned AND the seemingly new process deviations in regards to routing of proposals and the inclusion of the ASU Systems Office, the SGOC also formed a sub-committee, comprised of members from each constituency group, to investigate and make recommendation of how to incorporate the System Council’s office into the Shared Governance protocol. (i.e. routing, time limits, direction of routing, etc.)

Old Business:

Buildings and Grounds was recognized as a legitimate constituency and deserving of a Shared Governance Committee position.

The SGOC worked on the issue of Faculty Primacy, particularly in relations to the new 7-year contract with an outside firm for some online course delivery. More will be forthcoming.

The SGOC received and considered the responses from Chancellor Howard in relations to the ASU System proposal for “Persona Non Grata”, “Proposal for Conflict of Interest Policy” and a “proposal for a Grievance Policy”.

There were a few other ‘housekeeping matters’ relating to “An ASU Jonesboro proposal for Admission by Exception for Prospective Students with Exceptional Talent”; A revised ASU System proposal for a policy on Appropriate use of Information Technology; a Proposal to Raise Admission Standards for 2012.