

GSC Meeting, 09 March, 2011

1. **Opening:** Didi called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM, greeted all the guests, students and notified them about the open forum at the end of the meeting and encouraged them to ask questions concerning any issues that are on the floor)
 1. **Roll Call** - Core GSC members and representatives from an array of graduate departments participated in the roll call.
 2. **MOM Review** – MOM for the general GSC meeting held on 02/23 was approved by all the GSC reps.
 3. **Treasury Report** – No active budget at this time.
 4. **Shared Governance Committee Report**
 1. Amy Hitt presented an update on the Technology Fee
 - The I Pad study committee sent budget
 - Budget for \$100,000 was approved to do study
 2. Tom Henry presented SGOC update
 - IT Policy meeting this issue has been bypassed by the SGOC at this time and not being voted on.
 - Persona Non Grata was voted against by Tom per the council voting from last meeting.
 3. Didi had been to:
 - Didi attended the Graduate Council Meeting and approved changes to the graduate bulletin in regards to the Master of Social Work (MSW).
 - Didi has a comprehensive documentation over it so anyone interested in reading it may contact Didi.
 5. **SGA President Candidate Introduction** – Hunter Petrus, the SGA Presidential candidate introduced himself before the committee and affirmed his willingness to work with GSC. He further explained to the reps that he had been associated with SGA for a long time, has been adequately groomed by Adrian, the existing SGA President, and has been closely monitoring the overall functioning of SGA which makes him a better candidate for handling SGA Presidential duties.
2. **Old Business:**
 1. **Open Committee Spots** – (Suspended)
 2. **Create @stAte Symposium** – Didi stressed the need to support the @stAte Symposium and requested for volunteers to work anytime between 8 am to 6 pm on March 29th for this event. Anyone interested should email Didi by March 18th so that Mrs. Thatcher can be notified accordingly.
 3. The next GSC General Meeting for March 23rd has been cancelled because of Spring break. The next GSC General Meeting will be conducted on March 30th in the Board Room on the 8th floor of the library.

4. **Office Space**— Jeff Bailey, the dean of the library has openly acknowledged GSC as a resident of the library and has allocated Room# 147 to be used as the GSC Office. Didi will be working on setting up the office to make the GSC office fully functional.
5. **International Students Insurance** – Krishna Bista notified that the Office of International Program is not cooperating with him which hampers his ability to break into the “high cost, low coverage” type of insurance given to international students. Krishna had contacted the insurance company that works closely with NAGPS regarding their insurance policies. His research could not move forward again due to lack of response from OIP. There will be upcoming town hall meetings to discuss this issue and to seek different solutions towards the resolution of this issue. Didi affirmed that GSC will actively tackle this issue and ensure that it reaches the desired conclusion. Didi is forming another committee to facilitate the town hall meeting and Tom Henry will work with Stephanie Spillman, Sindhu Kaimal, and Krishna to pin down this issue.
6. **Graduate Student Orientation** – Postponed till funding is made available to GSC as funds will be required for effective implementation of this issue.
7. **Core Curriculum Concerns** – No update from Mark Randall and Venkatesh. Didi mentioned that GSC needs an update on this issue otherwise this work item will be postponed till Fall 2011. Tom said this does not need to be a one department issue and that discussion with other departments need to occur to see if this is a major issue or not.
8. **+/- Grading Proposal** – Taken off the agenda with unanimous voting.
9. **Structure and Funding Update** –It was unanimously decided that it would be Okay to start discussing issues over FaceBook regarding the structure and funding proposals. Didi did say that all discussions on Facebook will be monitored closely. Tom and Didi have visited with Chancellor Howard for an hour, Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs Stripling for three hours, presented the case for change to the SGA, Deans Council, Faculty Council and to Mr. McKinney , the chair of the Staff Senate. Tom and Didi will have a proposal ready to read to the GSC by the next meeting, March 30th, 2011. Didi created two committees to assist with producing a budget and administrative structure.
 - Budget committee will consist of Tom Henry, Audrey Wood, Terri Spillman
 - Administrative committee will consist of Didi Henry, Traci Hudson, Stephanie Spillman

3. New Business

1. Didi asked the reps to actively seek inputs from the respective department deans and students over any issues that might be faced by the graduate students.
2. **Open Forum** – Guests – Students from the Nurse Anesthetist Program attended the council meeting and requested help from GSC over the parking issue. These students have been regularly fined for parking their vehicle on grass which has encroached on the regular parking spots.
3. **International Bridge Program** – The international students expressed their concerns over the heavy tuition fee of the Internal Bridge Program. GSC board mentioned that this issue will be discussed more in the town hall meetings.