



Graduate  
Student  
Council  
Arkansas State University, Jonesboro

## 2015 Graduate Student Council Meeting

### Details:

Date: February 4th 2015

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: 8th floor Boardroom Dean B. Ellis Library.

Arkansas State University, Jonesboro.

Secretary: Justin Carothers

### Minutes:

#### I. Call to Order

- Seth called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.
- Seth mentioned we did not print January 21st minutes but we will have them for approval at the February 4th meeting.
- Seth asked for a call to approve the November 12th 2014 meeting minutes.

#### II. Reports:

- **President:** No report (absent)
- **Vice President:** No report
- **Treasurer:**
  - There is currently no money yet, but we are waiting for it to come in.
  - We approved a travel fund application.
  - Sleep Currently there are two pending applications for travel fund money.
  - Richard from Heritage Studies application was denied but he does plan to resubmit.
- **Secretary:**
  - Justin had the opportunity to sit in for Elizabeth Swagerty at a Shared Governance Committee.
  - There were two Shared Governance proposals that require GSC approval.
    - 15SP01 and 15SP02: See Shared Governance handout for proposal details.
  - Justin went into some detail about both proposals, but explained them in bulk during New Business.

### **III. Old Business**

- Seth noted that we are waiting for a representative for the new committee created due to the college restructuring.
- Seth also noted that Computers and Technology requested a second representative from the GSC.
- Dalia noted that Obinna would be our second representative for the International Students & Scholars Committee.
- Redus Edmunds offered to cover the Lecture Concert Series.
- Obinna also offered to take the second representative position on Computer Science and Technology.
- New committee positions were approved.
- Seth moved the discussion to the **Spring Banquet**.
- There is currently no date set yet and Edna and Leslie remain as the only two members on the banquet committee.
- Jose Tovar asked if someone could explain what exactly being on the banquet entailed.
- Dalia mentioned the various award and guidelines that would be worked with in order to decide the awards and guidelines. Additionally, the banquet committee would decide about the food as well as making sure we know how many people will attend.
- Jose also suggested that we publish sheets that show how people win their awards at the banquet.

### **IV. Committee Reports:**

- None at this time

### **V. Open Floor**

- Redus Edmunds asked about the new Faculty Student Handbook proposals and Justin Carothers was able to clarify.
- Rachel Welecky said there would be a Student Research Council meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> in the Black River room at 5:30 p.m.
- She explained that the committee helps get information on marketing strategies for students.
- The Create at Astate portal has been changed. Undergraduates now have to submit abstracts for presentations like graduate students.

## **VI. New Business**

- The board considered shared governance proposals for the ASU Faculty Senate.
- 15SP01: Deals with the graduate and undergraduate course cap as to be dealt with by the Chair and Dean.

**Full board approval**

- 15SP02: Deals with issues concerning physical office hours for professors that have either online classes or teach wholly online.

**Full board approval**

- Seth reminded the board that we can still do a fun activity sometime in February or April.
- Leslie Malland suggested laser tag at Dropzone and if we did decide to do that then we should make reservations.
- Dalia suggested a potluck to be held on campus. She also suggested Larry's Pizza or some other similar setting.

**Adjourned: 12:45 p.m.**