

GSC Meeting, 30 March, 2011

1. Opening:

1. Welcome

- 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)
 - Announced that from Monday April 4th through 8th, will be Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week
 - At this time on April 4th, GSC will be doing Graduate Meet N Greet in GSC Office# 147 on the 1st floor of the library between 8 am till noon. Coffee and pastries will be served for all the guests.
 - On April 6th, Wednesday, between 1 PM and 6 PM, snacks will be served to all the graduate visitors to the GSC office.
2. **Roll Call** - Core GSC members and representatives from an array of graduate departments and guests participated in the roll call.
 3. **MOM Review** - MOM for the previous General GSC meeting held on 03/09 were approved unanimously by all the GSC reps.
 4. **Treasurer`s report** – Postponed due to strict time constraints.
 5. **Shared Governance Committee Report** – Postponed until next GSC General meeting with approval from all GSC reps.

2. Old Business:

1. International Student`s Insurance concern

- Baily Gambill, the Admin professional from the Office of International Programs (OIP) was invited by GSC to the general meeting to address insurance related queries and concerns raised by representatives of International Students and other GSC reps. Baily helps students with all utility services including, but not limited to, issuing the insurance cards, housing, bi-weekly transportation to malls and grocery stores, arranging shuttle to Memphis International airport at the beginning and at the end of the semesters, ferry students to health care centers etc.
- The queries/issues that Baily answered to in context of the International Students Insurance during the 20 minute Question & Answer session are as under:
 - ✓ Details pertaining to the cost and coverage of the insurance.
 - ✓ Details on health care centers the students can seek help from and get paid via the insurance company.

- ✓ Contact details of the on-campus insurance expert who can help students with insurance related queries and payment through insurance cards.
- ✓ The necessity on making it mandatory for the international students to subscribe to ASU facilitated insurance.
- ✓ The criterion used by ASU to select the insurance company
- ✓ The necessity to subscribe to an insurance company through ASU
- ✓ Details on why the international student community have to pay more per semester to get an insurance cover as compared to their local American counterparts.
- ✓ Details on the additional \$30 that students need to pay in addition to the normal insurance premium

Baily insisted the need for the International Students to maintain an updated copy of the insurance card (available online) in order to chargeback the medical cost to insurance companies. She further mentioned that OIP all takes necessary measures (including the use of translators) during the student orientation programs to ensure that students understand the necessity of medical insurance in the United States.

For any further queries regarding International Students Insurance, please communicate with Baily Gambill. She works in OIP across the Administration Building and can be reached via email at bngambill@astate.edu.

2. Structure and Funding Proposal

- Tom Henry, the GSC internal VP, gave a power point presentation that comprehensively explained the Student Activity Fee Allocation structure. He also explained amount that contributes towards the Action Fund and the percentage of the Action Fund that will be allocated to the operational needs GSC for GSC to function effectively.
- Tom also explained specifics of the structure and funding proposal that is put forth before GSC. The ASU interim chancellor, Dr. Howard and the Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs Dr. Stripling have offered this proposal to GSC.
- Tom demonstrated the need to accept this proposal as a first step towards establishing the autonomy of GSC on the ASU campus.
- Voting to accept/reject this proposal was scheduled during this meeting. But, it was deferred until next GSC general meeting scheduled on 04/06 so as to ensure that every graduate student gets to know what the proposal is and what it means to them.
- The Graduate School Dean, Dr. Sustish, who was a special guest to this GSC meeting helped the reps with queries pertaining to the Structure and

Funding proposal and also provided insights into the history of this proposal.

3. Meeting adjournment

1. A motion to adjourn the meeting was recognized at 12:50 PM