

GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (GSC) MEETING – NOVEMBER 2, 2011



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I. CALL TO ORDER

☞ Meeting is called to order at 11:05am on Oct. 19, 2011.

II. REPORTS

☞ *DiDi - President*

- Welcome guests, graduate students and council.

☞ *Tom – Vice President*

- Calls the roll.

☞ *Jacob – Secretary*

- In Jacob’s absence, DiDi asked for a motion to accept minutes from 10/19/11 was made by Richard Hartness and 2nd by Sheena Terrell. Minutes were passed.

☞ *Audrey – Treasurer*

- Beginning balance of operation fund \$5606.49
Ending balance \$5215.84

III. SHARED GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT & ASSIGNMENTS

☞ Tom – Our proposal vote result report
Staff Senate and the SGA rejected, have no report from the Dean’s Council or the Faculty Senate, everyone else has supported the proposal.

☞ *Travel Fund Committee*

Reports travel fund balance instead of Venkatesh. The first TF Voucher was submitted to student accounts in the amount of \$274.37. There was a TF Application hearing on the first of November where 3 applications were approved to receive travel funds and one denied. There will be a second special hearing on the 3rd of Nov. due to two applicants having to be in the field for research on the original hearing date. Travel fund balance at this time is still \$3250 because the above amount has not been deducted from our account.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Article XI: BY-LAWS

☞ There was much discussion over the new parliamentary authority. It was brought to the council’s attention that the president already has parliamentary authority and the right to remove a person from

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a meeting for disruptive behavior. After much discussion on the floor, a motion to completely scratch the parliamentary authority was made by Tom Henry and 2nd by Danny Kopp. The vote was 5 to scratch, 7 to keep, and 2 abstained. This was not a 2/3rds approval of the voting members therefore the executive board will take this document and revise it for future review.

B. PhD MOVIE—DiDi makes the report

- ☞ Money supports the event will possibly get: College of Sciences and Mathematics will support up to \$500, Graduate school and Graduate Student Council will also support financially
- ☞ Showed the movie clip and discussed that it would take about \$3000 to invite Jorge Cham to come to ASU for a Q&A. This would not include the cost of food.
- ☞ DiDi asked all members of the council to please discuss this with their department chairs, and or deans to see if they would help support this during Graduate Student Appreciation Week in April 2012.

C. Nov 30th meeting will be a Chili/Potluck, everyone needs to speak up what they will bring by Nov 16 meeting.

D. Facebook Post – Exempt Status for graduate assistance was lost in '86 and there is a petition available to sign asking for the tax exempt status to be re-instated. DiDi asked that the council read, pass on to other graduates and sign if they felt this was worthy of their signature.

V. Old Business

- A. Ideas for Graduate-Professional Student Appreciation Week-April 2nd thru 6th.
--Coordinator DiDi McCann
1. Need a GPSAW Team for appreciation week

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The appreciation week will be on April 2th thru 6th. DiDi calls for volunteer to the whole council. Liting volunteers for the team member.

2. Award Banquet

DiDi states the purpose of this banquet is to award outstanding Research assistants, Teaching assistants, an overall outstanding Grad Student and Faculty Mentors. It is also to show the Administration that the GSC is a representative body of the graduate students on campus.

- ☞ We will invite some really important people that are influential in Arkansas for ex: Congressman Crawford, so we want to give out a high standard banquet.
- ☞ Possible locations for the banquet: on campus – The Alumni Center, or Centennial Hall --off campus—Holiday Inn, or the Country Club. DiDi will get prices from these locations and present at next meeting. The date for the banquet will be Thursday March 29th from 530pm 730pm.

B. Recommendation for New Graduate Student Orientation

--Coordinator Tom Henry

1. Date: Jan 24th. 12:30 pm -4pm. It is only going to be one day.
2. NGSO Team needed.

Tom called for volunteers. (?) People volunteer, they are Gaby Crumble, William Lange, Jason Gaspar, Amanda Morales, Shenna Terrell. Tom will be emailing this team with actual information regarding the Orientation.

C. Guidelines for nominations and awarding awards

- ☞ The executive board will be working on these guidelines and then asks the deans council to adhere to them when choosing the winners of the awards. The executive board will make the winning choice for the Mentorship award.



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VI. Open Floor

Gaby discussed the Communications forum that will be held on 11/3 at 3pm in the Communications building on the 2nd floor break room.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:42pm Nov, 2, 2011