GSC Meeting October 20th, 2010

I. Call to Order

Meeting convened at 12:00 pm

II. Yearbook pictures

Pictures for the yearbook were taken.

III. Reports from Committee Meetings

- a. Graduate Council- there will be a hiring of a new person in the Nursing program making CRNA a PhD program
- b. Lecture Concert Series met
- c. Technology and Education met
- d. Shared Governance met- a lot of things tabled, Humanities and Social Sciences proposal for finishing the building

IV. Open Forum

Roundtable discussion on people's problems with ASU:

- 1. Financial aid efficiency/communication issues
- 2. International graduate student funding/employment (can't get work study)
- 3. Transportation for international students (from airport to ASU)
- 4. Art Department scholarships for graduate students
- 5. Health insurance for those with graduate assistantships
- 6. Create a community for international students/conversations partners for ESL
- 7. Teaching assistants in each department
- 8. Nursing books being out of date (talk of proposal being drawn up and sent out)
- 9. Graduate student mentor program- help graduate students who are unfamiliar with ASSU, technology, Jonesboro, campus, etc. through a new student orientation. Host a Grad Day to introduce new grad students. (Committee was formed with Kevin as the Chair, along with Jacob and Venky.)
- 10. International student insurance costs and requirements (Committee formed to investigate and research problems with the health insurance, Jacob as Chair)
- 11. International student scholarships

V. Humane Society

GSC will be volunteering at Jonesboro's Humane Society on Saturday, November 6^{th} from 10 am to 2 pm.

VI. NAGPS

Didi McCann has been chosen to attend this conference.

VII. Dismiss

Next meeting was set for Wednesday, November 3rd at 12 pm.