December 3, 2012 GSA Meeting Minutes
5:00 pm, Hill Hall 300

President: Cericia Martinez

Points of Discussion

Graduate Student Values and Responsibilities:
Read the document to council. Cici mentioned that the document does not supersede any institutional policies. Document is a potential framework of defining the role of student and graduate students. Read the Program and Institutional policies. Any revisions to the document must be through graduate council, and there is an outlined protocol for appeals to the policy. Cici reiterated that this is not a legally binding document. Cici asked Dept. reps to post a summary of the document in their department. Every student and faculty should have access to the document. The document can be obtained through the department head, and can also be found on the GSA website.

Ben Petri: suggested having “Expectations of Students”, and “Expectations of Advisors” as headers on the document to convey the responsibilities of both the student and faculty. He wants to inform students of what they should expect from their advisor.

Cici envisions the document would move to something more legal someday. Current document is not legal, but that can change in a couple of years (hopefully).

Cici: moving forward, will look at printing it out in orientation packets for new students, and trying to work it into the handbook. Will work on for spring 2013 orientation.

Kimmel: mentioned Ethics (for NSF-funded students) and Art of Science classes. Get this document ingrained into the classes. Get professors to endorse. Cici will e-mail Shawn.

Graduate continuance fellowships: Reminder. Due this Friday, Dec. 7, 2012.

Departmental funds:
GSA allocates money for departments to do social events ($300/year). For dept. reps, make a document for the event to attach a receipt to for reimbursement. Original intent was for funds to be used for one big event, and Cici wants to keep it as such. Dept. reps are able to use the money for 2 separate events, but no more due to paperwork on administration.

Social Chair: Amanda Meier

Cinnamon roll day Dec. 10, 2012 from 7am-2pm at Café 13. Cinnamon rolls and coffee provided for graduate students until a threshold of funds is reached. Come earlier if you want to guarantee to get a cinnamon roll and coffee.

Nick VanGundy: Parking Committee Report: Parking services sold 3900 permits this year, and oversold spaces by 39%. Most schools sell oversell 70-100%.

Bebe: asked if parking did any statistical count to support their actions. NVG said they count the cars 3 times a day, and made a best estimate of how many students at a given time are present on campus. By 2018, Parking predicts there will be no excess capacity for students, and they want to build a parking garage. Permits may increase $100 by next year (Fall 2013), but that is up to President Scoggins. Parking garage endeavor is not for sure. Currently, Parking budget is at $(-2.1M). CSM is able to support Parking services financially.

Cici: Once a plan on parking is approved by Scoggins, GSA be doing a joint meeting with USG. USG has requested a joint meeting at least once a year.
Executive Elections: Treasurer
Nominations: Ben Fox and Nikko Collida.
Ben Fox accepts his nomination
Nikko Collida declines his nomination
Ben Fox: Has had accounting classes before. Did his undergrad in Econ. Will graduate in May 2014, so will be here for the full term. Already has a decent start on things; has sat down with Nikko on the budget spreadsheet. Nikko said he worked with Ben on the responsibilities of treasurer, and believes this to be a seamless transition between him and Ben.
Cici: asks for someone to make a motion.
Jeremy Washington moves to vote, and was seconded by Evan Kias.
Michele voices there is no discussion.
Ben Fox unanimously voted in as treasurer.

(Meeting turned over to Mark, Vice President)

Executive Elections: President
Nominations: Cericia Martinez
Cericia accepted her nomination.
Mark opens floor for discussion: none. Asks for someone to make a motion.
Caryn motions to vote, seconded by Doug.
Cericia Martinez unanimously voted in as President.

(Meeting turned back over to Cici, President)

New Business

Point of Concern: Michele Weichmann
Pertaining to the new 3-college system, some programs may be moving departments, and fears that this could cause issues. Cici explains that for the next 2 years, only one department will be affected by this restructuring.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52pm