

**Graduate Student Senate – General Meeting
February 9, 2006 – 12:00 p.m.**

Attendance:

Matthew Schiefer
Mike Rueschman
Maggie Clark
Liz Linares
Denise Douglas
Chuck Rozek
Zhong Wang
David Bucheberg
Jeremy Heilman

Christina Larson
Timothy Peshek
Marjorie Montanez
Ndiya Ogba
Carson L. Sieving
Katherine Crispin
Theresa Waters
Cynthia Perrine

Adam Bradley
Kathleen Anderson
Cheryl Campo
Kerim Gehc
Christa Wheeler
Maureen Garnett
K. Gartman
John Molnar

Welcome

Liz opens the meeting and welcomes everyone back from the long break.

Upcoming Activities

Liz announces the upcoming series of financial planning seminars in April. These events will take place over three consecutive weeks and each meeting will pertain to different financial subjects. The meetings will require business-casual attire and wine/cheese will be provided. Liz asks everyone in attendance to spread the word and to post flyers in the coming months.

Additional upcoming events include the Nurse's Ball and Academic Happy Hour, where persons from all levels of the university will have a chance to interact

School of Graduate Studies

Dean Rozek announces that he will be at the Academic Happy Hour, while also mentioning a few initiatives underway in the School of Graduate Studies. The office is compiling information on health care plans for graduate students from various universities across the country in order to benchmark Case's current offerings.

Also, in a recent administrative meeting the issue of community service and health care came up regarding whether or not coverage would be provided for service-type activities both related to Case or outside of the university. Dean Rozek will be looking for feedback on this topic in the near future.

Announcements

Matt explains the procedures for selecting winners of the Diekhoff Award and calls for volunteers to sign up for the selection committee.

Cheryl has started working on a GSS/SGS Newsletter that she hopes to have published by March. She is calling for submissions from any source that relates to the graduate student population at Case.

Maggie announces that the updated budget will be on the GSS website soon. These updates reflect recent expenditures. Maggie also calls on the GSS body to make sure graduate students are kept aware of the funds provided by the V-Fund.

Ann L. Vander Schrier, a guest from Kelvin Smith Library, opens a discussion about poster printing in KSL that has previously been tailored toward GIS mapping and undergraduate researchers. The use of posters is very common in the graduate population and the GSS group discusses ways that Ann and graduate students could work together to provide cheap(er) printing services. GSS will collect feedback about interest in such a service and any rules/regulations that might need to go in place, but, in the meantime, students interested in printing can contact Ann for more information.

Liz announces a meeting with campus planners next week (02/16/06, 11:45 – 1:00 p.m.) for graduate students to discuss possible uses of the new student center project that is underway. This meeting is open to any interested graduate students.

Liz introduces the topic of faculty/senate committee representatives, which need to be selected by April 29, 2006 for next school year. Liz also explains the need for the persons serving on these committees to keep GSS apprised of the committee's work.

Committee Updates

Jeremy and others have been exploring the issue of RTA passes for graduate students, and next week Jeremy has a meeting with the person who brokered the deal between undergraduates and the RTA. Currently the most feasible option appears to be a mandatory increase in the graduate student activity fee to cover the expenditure, because strictly optional programs have not been allowed for other groups on campus before. Jeremy is also setting up a survey that will be distributed to all graduate students about this topic.

Liz talks about the GSS Strategic Plan work that went on over the winter break and invites interested parties to continue to help on its progress through wiki.case.edu/GSS. There is still much to be done, but we have had a great start.

Update on Committees

Meg will be working on making sure every graduate department is represented in GSS and that committee positions are filled.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourns at 1:02 p.m.