

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

Attendance:

Liz Linares	Adam Bradley	Christina Larson
Mike Rueschman	Jessica Ward	Saad Alkazemi
Matthew Schiefer	Diana Vineyard	Rachel Hageman
Meg Grow	Hilary Frase	Wells Addington
Maggie Clark	Kathleen Anderson	Danny Anderson
Andrew Horchler	Jeremy Heilman	Mark Obrenovich
Sarah Carnho	Ndiya Ogba	Maureen Garnett
Jeff Bendix	Carson Sieving	Chao Xzng
Daved Backeberg	Cynthia Perrine	Pankaj Nagpal
Tim Peshek	Edmund Ickert	Jen Choy
D. Michael Ackermann	Kevin Speer	Taylor Valentine
Nick Ostrout	Katherine Crispin	Yifung Ng
Christa Wheeler	Marjorie Montanez	Ramil Noche
Elizabeth Delynia	Zhong Wang	

Welcome

Liz opens the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

General Announcements

Liz announces the financial planning seminar series taking place in April. She urges senators to take flyers and post them in their departments. The seminars will be going over financial topics that are important to graduate and professional students.

Liz, Mike, and Saad will be going to the NAGPS conference at Notre Dame at the end of March. We will be presenting the Strategic Plan and also hopefully taking away a lot of useful information from other graduate organizations.

The Professional Council does exist, and Liz has been in touch with them in order for future collaboration. They have a number of social activities going on while also tackling important issues like student health insurance and loan disbursement.

The Undergraduate Student Government (USG) passed a resolution calling for Case student governments to have a representative on the Ohio Board of Trustees.

School of Graduate Studies

Dean Rozek does not have any specific announcements, but would be happy to answer questions.

Committee Updates

Jeremy met with Dick Jamison about RTA options for graduate students. The first is similar to the undergraduate plan, but the other is to buy a large block of passes for graduate students, faculty, and staff. The issue with the latter is the need to have the money up front to purchase the RTA passes.

Meg announces what is happening on the Minority Affairs committee. They are calling for reports from minority students.

Kevin introduces the Academic Strategic Plan, which is an initiative to establish priorities that will guide Case over the upcoming years. The plan is not meant to budget, but is strictly academic in nature. However, the plan will have an impact in many areas of the university. Kevin will be updating GSS in the future about the progress of the ASP, and encourages graduate students to attend open forums where students can speak their mind and contribute in the process. There is a web site that offers more information.

Matt says that the Diekhoff process is progressing well. There is a good pool of candidates from across the university, and the nominees are now posted online.

Tim gives an update from the Library Committee. Digital Case is a new project currently in the beta testing phase, where students can get a feel for this new resource. This could act as a repository for students to maintain digital copies of important documents. Issues include: what can be archived; should material only be peer review; can we get faculty on-board? The Health Committee has created a survey about whether student health insurance addresses different needs for the undergraduate and graduate student populations. Dean Rozek adds that a survey on health services requires a significant response from the student body in order for issues to be acted upon.

Matt urges persons who sign up for committees to give more frequent updates and do all in their power to hold meetings regularly.

Items to be Voted on in April

Liz announces that in April the executive committee will be voted upon, and the nominees are listed on the web site. Voting will also take place for the Strategic Plan.

Guest Speakers

Liz introduces the vote of no confidence for President Hundert and Provost Anderson.

President Hundert has been meeting with groups across campus to discuss what is going on at the university. The Vision Investment Plan was created in '02-03 to enhance various initiatives across campus, though the university would incur a deficit during this program. The idea was to come back into positive numbers by fiscal year 2007-2008. However, incomes in various areas of the university did not meet expectations. Philanthropic gifts that contributed to the operating

budget dropped and the university realized it would not meet goals, thereby necessitating a budget cut of \$17 million. Efforts are in place to increase revenues, though central administrative costs will need to be cut in the near future.

Provost Anderson acknowledges the valuable input of graduate students, who make up 2/3 of the student body at Case. He is pleased to see GSS taking an interest in campus-wide issues.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourns at 1:00 p.m.