

**Graduate Student Senate – General Meeting
October 13, 2005 – 12:00 p.m.**

Attendance:

Matt Schiefer	Maura McCafferty	Saad Alkazemi
Taylor Valentine	Ramil Noche	Maggie Clark
Kevin M. Speer	Jeremy Heilman	Marjorie Montanez
Kathleen Anderson	Tim Peshek	Carson L. Sieving
D. Michael Ackermann	Mark Obrenovich	Zhong Wang
Edmun J. Ickert	Katherine Crispin	Michael Rueschman
Nina Zachariades	Liz Olson	

Welcome

Liz welcomes and thanks everyone for attending.

Update on Committees

Meg explains that numerous departments across campus are still unrepresented in GSS and that people must be found to fill these positions. In addition, many of the committees discussed at the first general are lacking in membership and those that are interested can e-mail Meg in order to learn more about the particulars. Also, the School of Graduate Studies is still looking for a student to assist in the production of an SGS newsletter.

School of Graduate Studies

Dean Rozek has sent out e-mails to all department chairs to communicate the need for everyone to have at least one representative aware of and active in GSS. The Dean feels that GSS is the vehicle for graduate students to communicate with administration and he will continue to work in order to promote the organization. Other issues mentioned include: the possibility that outstanding fines with the university may be placed on tuition statements and discussions that Dean Rozek has had with Adelphia about the chance of providing graduate students with discounted cable and high-speed Internet rates, similar to what Case faculty currently have access to.

Dean Douglas states that one of SGS' primary goals currently is the promotion of fellowships and scholarships for graduate students. Also, she needs a student to serve on the grievance/academic integrity committee that makes decisions on student petitions.

Items to Vote On

Maggie explains the tentative GSS budget for the current school year, and due to not having a formalized budget from last year and poor record keeping she is lacking crucial information about GSS' budgeting history and current situation. Due to a number of questions and concerns

about GSS' revenue stream and actual amounts of money flowing into the organization the GSS budget decision is tabled, although this discussion will be revisited next month.

Dean Rozek feels it would be very worthwhile to explore the issue of increasing the graduate student activity fee from its current \$5 to something like \$10 or \$12. This would double the revenue of GSS and perhaps widen the influence the organization could have on the graduate population at Case.

Matt goes through the approval process for 5 new graduate student organizations, and the GSS body approves them all.

Announcements

Mike talks about the long-term hurricane relief organization, Case, Build Hope!, and explains that the initial round of fundraising is over and we are waiting for further word from Dr. Harvey about future pursuits.

Patrick Keebler speaks about the Career Center at Case and its value to all students – undergraduates and graduates. They offer a wide array of services and are available for consultation at any time.

Committee Updates

Due to time constraints, these reports will be sent along in a future e-mail.

Upcoming Activities

Oct. 29 – Halloween at the Farm, Weatherheadless Ball

Nov. 7 – Food drive begins

Nov. 18th – Jillian's

Meg gives everyone information about the food drive, and urges high participation!

Meeting adjourns, 1:02 p.m.