

**Graduate Student Senate – General Meeting
November 17, 2005 – 12:01 p.m.**

Attendance:

Maggie Clark	Carolyn Klammer	Aaron Goldenberg
Meg Grow	Kevin Speer	Edmund Ickert
Elizabeth Olson	Mark Obrenonich	Cynthia Perrine
Chuck Rozek	Patrice Boyer	Dan Lin
Denise Douglas	Jeremy Heilman	Kathleen Anderson
Mike Rueschman	D. Michael Ackermann	Radu Iancu
Matt Schiefer	Marjorie Montanez	Erica Warfe
Maureen Garnett	Tim Peshek	Nick Ostrout
Kevin Steiner	John Molnar	Katherine Ceisrin
Saad Alkazemi	John Angelis	

Welcome

Liz opens the meeting and introduces two guests here to speak about graduate student housing and the Collegetown project.

Update on Graduate Housing

Russell Berusch introduces the upcoming Collegetown project to GSS and speaks more specifically as to the graduate housing component. The Collegetown will include retail, cultural, and residential facilities, and any housing aimed at graduate students will be in a typical apartment (not dorm) building style. Those working on the project conducted a study about graduate housing and found there would be sufficient demand to fill 200-300 beds in the Collegetown. This is a multi-year project and Mr. Berusch offers to come back in the spring semester to provide more details (including conceptual drawings) and field more questions.

School of Graduate Studies

Dean Rozek informs the group of a new course, UNIV401, being offered next semester that is zero credit hours (no cost) and will be an introduction to teaching with technology.

The School of Graduate Studies still needs a student representative to assist with the SGS newsletter. Contact Denise Douglas for more details.

Items to Vote On

Maggie explains the updated budget and clears up the issue with student activities fees. The activities fee applies for fall and spring semesters, putting GSS' annual revenue somewhere near \$19,000.

One student questions the expense (\$3000) for the party at Jillian's following the food drive; Liz explains that this is GSS' biggest event of the year. Another student asks what GSS will do with the possible budget surplus.

A senator moves to vote on the budget resolution, the motion is seconded, and the GSS body votes (16 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain) to approve the budget.

Matt runs through the list of four graduate student organizations seeking official recognition from GSS, and all four have the necessary paperwork completed and everything is in order.

A senator moves to vote on the organizations, the motion is seconded, and the GSS body votes (17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain) to approve all four organizations.

Update on Committees

Meg lets everyone know that a number of committees are still lacking in graduate representation, and that the updated list is available on the Web site. One senator asks whether non-GSS attending graduate students can serve on these committees and Liz says that this is indeed allowed and encouraged.

Announcements

Liz goes through a brief Powerpoint presentation that offers an overview to the GSS Strategic Plan creation process. Liz and the executive committee have not had sufficient time or organization to complete a Strategic Plan alone, so Liz seeks help from the general body. A number of students offer to help in the process, and Liz will e-mail all those who expressed interest to set up a meeting early in December to divvy up tasks for completion over the winter break.

Committee Updates

Liz speaks of changes to the data custody policy at Case that is currently going through the Faculty-Senate that would make it easier for students to take their data with them when leaving the university.

Jeremy announces that an online survey will be available soon to collect information from graduate students about RTA transportation.

Upcoming Activities

The food drive ends on Friday, November 18, and Meg will collect the cans from across campus on that day. Grad Night Out at Jillian's is open to all graduate students and will be from 7 p.m. to midnight on Friday, November 18.

Meeting adjourns, 1:02 p.m.