

## Minutes



### General Assembly, 10-04-2007

1. Welcome and introduction of GSS Executive Officers and School of Graduate Studies Deans.

2. How we accomplish the strategy of the GSS.

What are the roles as officers, executives, senators and students?

The purpose of the executive board. Presentation is in the GSS web site.

3. Nomination and election of remaining three at large executive board positions. Nominated candidates were introduced to the GSS-GA, and a motion to vote was presented to the floor to elect all the nominees, motion was seconded, voted and passed.

4. Organization and Allocation Committee. The committee presented all the Graduate Students Organizations that fulfill the GSS requirements to be recognized as Students organization by the GSS. A motion to vote to approve and recognize all the organizations recommended by the allocation committee was voiced, motion was seconded, voted, and passed. The recognized organizations are as follows:

Active Minds at Case Western Reserve University, Biology Graduate Student Association, Biomedical Graduate Student Organization , Case International Student Association , Case Woodball Association , Chinese Student and Scholar Association , Grapple (Graduate And Professional Pupils Living on the Edge ), Macromolecular Student Organization , Minority Graduate Student Organization, National Student Speech Language Hearing Association, Pharmacology Graduate Student Organization , Physics Graduate Student Association , Satrang (Indian Graduate Student Association), SGI-Buddhists Club-Transforming Self & Society , [UTURK - Union of Turkish Students at Case](#).

The Biomedical Graduate Student Organization was not recognized. The International Student Fellowship was not voted on.

Jennifer presented a flyer explaining all the different committees in which GSS have representation and the committees that need to be fill.

5. NAGPS.

Kevin presented all the advantages and disadvantages of GSS NAGPS membership. The floor was opened for discussion. The comments presented by the GA about the GSS NAGPS membership were:

The NAGPS provides an alternative health care option. The GSS web site has a link to a file with comparisons between CWRU and NAGPS health care options. Another major point was the participation of CWRU graduate students in NAGPS meetings. A senator asked for details in last year NAGPS expenses and Kevin explained to the GA. At the same time it was asked: What are the advantages to the GSS of sending representation to the NAGPS meetings? Kevin invited Matthew (GSS former president) to explain to the GSS last year's experiences in the NAGPS meeting. Matthew explained that it was resume improving experience for the participants, and did not have any advantages to GSS, at this time Saad agreed with Mathew. A motion was made to vote if the GSS will remain a NAGPS member, motion was seconded, voted and did not pass. GSS will not pay the NAGPS membership this 07-08 year. It was also discussed that NAGPS, and not GSS, should inform the CWRU students enrolled in the NAGPS health plan that it will be discontinued.

#### 7. GSS 07-08 Budget presentation.

Kevin presented the budget and opened the floor for discussion. Two questions were asked: the chemistry department student representative asked about a student from that department that applied for a V-fund award and did not have an answer yet, Jennifer explained that some applications are being reviewed now. The other comment was that the GSS should increase the award for student organization recognized by GSS. A motion to vote the GSS 07-08 budget was presented, motion was seconded, voted and the budget passed.

#### 8. Sexual Assault Policy.

Dean Denise Douglas asked to the GSS GA to take a poster to be posted in the departments bathrooms around the campus about sexual harassment.

#### 9. RTA Committee.

Jimmy presented a summary of the RTA committee discussion about getting a RTA pass for graduate students. The RTA survey is posted in the GSS web site as a link for GA information. The floor was opened for discussion. A question was raised about the referendum approved last year in the GSS-GA to find out if graduate students will approve the issue of RTA pass. Jimmy explains that the referendum will be postponed to Spring 2008.

#### 10. Campus Smoking band.

The University had designated smoking areas, and a map describing them will be put as link in the GSS web site. The University will enforce the non smoking policy above Ohio requirements, 1st offense will be a verbal warning and the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense a \$ 100 fine will be issued to the offender.

#### 11. Activities Committee.

The GSS Grad Night this year will be in the Winking Lizard at Lakewood on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a bus available to transport students to the place with a cost of \$ 5 or \$ 3 (less if the student brings a can of food). A flyer will be sent to each department for advertisement.

Meeting was adjourned at 1 pm, and the discussion continued in Miller Conference room.