

GSS General Meetings

March 1, 2007

Introduction

Matt introduces board and begins meeting at 11:59 a.m.

School of Graduate Studies Updates

Dean Douglas introduces the Kola Award; a new graduate student award that recognizes a student for community service. The application is on the SGS website. Anybody can nominate other graduate students.

Dean Rozek discussed the academic integrity policy with the Faculty-Senate this week. This document further explains and clarifies issues related to academic integrity. The policy will be posted on the website and will replace the policy that is currently in place in the Faculty Handbook.

Dean Rozek publicly thanks the participants from the GSS for their participation in the dinner and panel held by the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee.

GSS Executive Board Updates

Olivier is not yet prepared to give a full Treasurer's Report.

Liz gives recent National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS) report. In February more than 40 students from across the country went to Washington DC for Legislative Action Days to discuss issues relevant to graduate students. These students met with legislators and held a NAGPS board meeting at the end of the trip. They are beginning a Strategic Planning process.

The first of five regional conferences is happening this weekend. The Midwest regional conference will take place at Case from March 22nd to 25th.

Students from Case should also make a good showing at the conference. Liz created posters that should be posted in prominent areas around campus.

GSS Committee Updates

Activities Committee has no updates

Matt announces that PFF/PFP is planning more seminars for this spring. The event(s) will be nicely catered and will take place sometime in April.

Mike announces that the Organizations & Allocations Cmte. met to discuss the V-Fund awards. The group is working to streamline the application process and to ensure that students receive their awards in a reasonable amount of time.

Marjorie calls for more nominations for the Diekhoff Award. Until this point she has received only 7 nominations. The deadline for applications is March 9th.

Jennifer says that the Health Care Committee recently sent out a link to their survey again and encourages everyone to take it.

Jimmy explains preliminary results from RTA survey. 50% of respondents are in favor of a mandatory pass, while 75% of respondents would be willing to spend up to \$50 for a 6-month pass.

Faculty Senate Committee Updates

Tim gives University Libraries update, which is in the process of sorting out its budget for the next year. Tomorrow (March 2) an event is being held to discuss “How to Get Published”.

Minorities Affairs Committee is pushing for the establishment of an ombudsperson position, who would be charged with receiving student grievances. The ombudsperson would be a neutral third party.

Academic Affairs & Student Life (AASL) Updates

Matt announces that the GSS had five representatives at this dinner where the primary topic was recruiting and retention. On Friday there was a panel discussion with the Board of Trustees. Liz discussed student funding issues. Kevin recommended the creation of a handbook for faculty advisors that would assist with student mentoring.

Upcoming Events

Matt announces two panels taking place on Friday, March 23. Patrick Keebler from the Career Center will moderate the two panels.

There is an international dinner taking place in the Thwing Ballroom on March 31. Tickets go on sale March 12.

Other Updates

Myles from USG discusses the smoking ban issue as discussed among undergraduates.

GSS Newsletter is open for submissions.

Ad Hoc Cmte is formed to work on creating graduate students' bill of rights. It will be titled the Committee for Student Advisor Relations.

Matt announces that nominations are now being accepted for next year's board. Send nominations to Mike Rueschman, Corresponding Secretary.