



Graduate Student Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda
By Tova Samuels
December 11, 2009 3:00 pm
Wood Hall

Representative Presents: Joel L. Raveloharimisy (Vice Chairperson), Tova Samuels, Clara Adams, and Nayane Udawatte (Chemistry), Justin Robinson (Geography), Mohammad Al-Amar (Physics), Michelle McWilliams (Human Resources Development), Benito Hall (Marketing), Dev Apyio (Educational Leadership, Research and Technology & DSA), Zach Sullivan (Health, Physical Education and Recreation & TAU), Caitlin Callahan (Mallison Institute for Science Education), Lotfi Ben othmane and Raed M. Salih (Computer Science).

1. Call to order: 3:18 pm
2. Introductions
3. *Approval of the Agenda for 12/11/09: moved by Mohammad and Clara, seconded by Benito. Voted
4. *Approval of Minutes from 11/20/09: moved by Clara and seconded by Notfi. Voted. Joel provided additional information that GSPSA will be funded \$150.00 for the confection of their sweat-shirts.
Mohammad suggested an advocacy issue for GSAC that is to discuss with the administration about the possibility for international students to pay in-state tuition. He referred to the University of Illinois at Urbana case that the court was in favor of international students to pay in-state tuition.
5. Report from the Dean of the Graduate College – *Dr. Lewis Pyenson*. N/A
6. Report from the Chairperson – Brandi Pritchett: Brandi was not present but Joel read her report.
 - a. Dr. Robert Wertkin presented The Millennial Project. He called for representative from GSAC to participate in the focus group. The group meets on the last Wednesday of every month from noon to two pm (12:00 – 2:00 pm), in the President’s conference room.
 - b. Advocacy reports: Bronco ID Survey – 506 students took the Bronco ID survey, 143 students said that they’ve had trouble with ID. A full report about this survey will be given next month
 - c. Academic Strategic Plan (ASP): the GSAC fully contributed to the evaluation process of the ASP. The GSAC’s amendment is found in page 5-13 of the agenda.
7. Unfinished Business:
 - a. GSAC Scholarship/Awards Reception: Feb. 4, 6-7:30 pm, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts
 - b. January meeting location: Sprau Tower Conference Room, 10th floor. It was suggested that a map of the location should be emailed to the GSAC members, and a large sign of Graduate Student Advisory Committee Meeting should be made and posted on the door or the hallway to promote GSAC
8. Reports from GSAC Sub-Committees
 - a. Graduate Financial Allocation Committee (8):
 - i. The following proposals were approved and voted:
 1. Chemistry Graduate Student Association: \$2,500 for Science Day Event if the date of January 08, 2010 is changed to a different date because school does not resume until January 11, 2010
 2. Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU)/Geography Club: \$1,120 for the Student Michigan Association of Planners Conference on February 5, 2010
 3. International Programs Council: \$2,000 for the 21st Annual International Festival at WMU on March 21st, 2010 at 4-8 pm
 - ii. Joel gave a report about the funds available for RSOs. As of Dec 11, 2009 the current balance for RSOs activities is \$29,553.42.
 - b. Public Relations Committee (3)

- c. Web Site/Blog Committee (3): a new link that lists the different resources (e.g.: food assistance, employment, clothes for winter, etc.) available for students in the Kalamazoo areas has been made in the website. Please share this information with your friends
 - d. The Hilltop Review Editorial Board (5): the committee unanimously voted to give special thanks to Stephany, Alicia, Michelle, Mary, Lotfi, and Brandi for their untiring work in editing and publishing the Hilltop Review of Fall 2009
 - e. Michigan Association of Graduate and Professional Students (4) **needs 2 members**
9. Reports from University Councils and Committees
- a. Graduate Studies Council (2): Joel briefly gave additional report about the Strategic Plan Amendment process
 - b. Research Policies Council (2)—**Needs 1 member**
 - c. International Education Council (1)
 - d. Campus Planning and Finance Council (1). Special thanks to Dev Apyio in joining this committee
 - e. University Accreditation Committee (8). Special thanks to Michelle and Alicia for joining this committee. We still **need 3 members**
 - f. Graduate Student Research and Travel Awards Selection Committee (4): 30 research proposals and 14 travel proposals will be reviewed. 8 will be given for research and 7 for travel
 - g. President's University Sustainability Committee (1)
 - h. ICES Online Communications Plan Committee (1)
 - i. East Campus Task Force (2): **Needs 2 Members**
 - j. Diversity & Inclusion Committee (3)
 - k. Committee for Development Leadership in Diversity, Social Justice, and Inclusion (2)
10. Reports from WSA, CAB, and TAU
- a. WSA – Nate Knappen (WSA President)
 - b. CAB – (CAB President)
 - c. TAU – (TAU Representative)
11. Departmental Reports: N/A
12. New Business: GSAC was informed about the Spring activities in p. 14 of the agenda. It was suggested that the GSAC reception ceremony should be on Friday February 05, 2010.
13. Student Concerns (Open Floor): N/A
14. General Announcements and Briefs
- a. Announcement for the Good of the Order: N/A
 - b. Next GFAC and GSAC Meetings: January 22nd, February 12th, March 12th
15. General Discussion: "The State of Graduate Education"—N/A
16. Adjourn: Nayne moved, seconded by Caitlin. 5:05 pm.