

THE GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Friday, August 25, 2000
Bernhard Center, Connable Board Room

MINUTES

Representatives Present: Daryl Arkwright (Biological Sciences), Jessica Baby (History), Vajahat Banday (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Trisha Basford (Chemistry), Tom Brignall (Sociology), Marcel Brouwers (English), Jay Cawthorne (Paper and Printing Sciences and Engineering), Ron Coleman (Sociology), Doris Dirks (History), Apollos Goyol (Teaching, Learning and Leadership), Nancy Greer-Williams (Communication), Jill Jepson (Art), Dawn Keller (Accountancy), Tim Kuehnlein (Political Science), Peter Lawson (Anthropology), Julie Stahlhut (Biological Sciences), Rodger Zanny (Computer Science)

Guests: Paula Boodt (The Graduate College), Amy Nelson (Student Affairs), Elton Weintz (GSAC Chair Emeritus)

I/II CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Members of GSAC introduced themselves. New and returning members were welcomed.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the June 16, 2000 GSAC meeting were presented.

III. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Regarding CommUniverCity, the Chair indicated that all 400 tickets to the football game had been allocated as of August 22 at 9:30 a.m.. She stated that 500 tickets in total were purchased by GSAC. One hundred of the tickets are reserved for GSAC members (no more than four per

member) and Graduate College staff. The Chair sought volunteers for the event. Coleman and Weintz offered to organize the tailgate.

Paula Boodt reported on the Graduate Student Fair, stating that it was much better organized and attended than last year. A detailed report is forthcoming.

The Chair reported that the replacement calendars for the academic year had arrived and were at Logistical Services. Plans are to distribute half (7,000) during Bronco Bash. Those being mailed to graduate students should be mailed by September 7.

The Chair reported that she, Tim Kuehnlein, Jessica Baby, Nancy Greer-Williams and Rodger Zanny attended both the international and domestic T.A. Training sessions in order to introduce GSAC. They were well received.

Concerning recruitment, the Chair is still interested in references. Several new people are expected at the next meeting.

The Chair announced that there will be a fall issue of Gradients. Those interested in making announcements or writing an article were encouraged to contact the Chair.

It was announced by the Chair that there is currently a search for Director of the Sindecuse Health Center and she is a member of the student interview committee. Dr. Diane Berty has since been appointed to the position.

IV. GSAC SUB-COMMITTEES

Graduate Financial Allocation Committee (Jay Cawthorne):

An operational budget of \$385.00 for the Sociology Graduate Student Association was approved at the recommendation of GFAC. There were two abstentions because of conflict of interest.

Cawthorne distributed GFAC Guidelines

Nominations were accepted for GFAC committee. Peter Lawson, Tim Kuehnlein, Marcel Brouwers, Tom Brignall, Apollos Goyol, Jay Cawthorne, and Doris Dirks volunteered to serve on the committee.

Web Page Committee (Rodger Zanny)

Zanny announced that there was a successful search for a web master to service the GSAC web page. There is a sample site available for reference accessible from the existing web page. The objective of the web-page is to provide primary resources for graduate students.

Public Relations Committee (Trisha Basford):

Volunteers for the Public relations committee were accepted. Trisha Basford agreed to chair the committee again. Ron Coleman, Doris Dirks, Nancy Greer-Williams and Tim Kuehnlein agreed to serve on the committee.

Cawthorne strongly recommended that the committee begin planing for the winter semester Graduate Reception as soon as possible.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Dirks stated that if there were no objections she was intending to review the GSAC rules and guidelines for possible revision and streamlining.

The 2000-2001 GSAC Budget was introduced by Cawthorne. There was considerable discussion about the cost overruns of various line items from last year's budget and subsequent increases in funding for specific line-items in the proposed budget (i.e. CommUniverCity). Further discussion centered on the absence of ideas from the Proposed Budget Reallocation of Calendar Funds proposal by the Public Relations Committee which was approved in amended form in August 2000 for inclusion in the 2000-2001 budget. Justification for absence of such ideas in the 2000-2001 budget was lower revenues and reallocation of excess funds (calendar funds) to other line-items. The budget was tabled until the next GSAC meeting.

VII. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BRIEFS

The Chair announced that there would be an orientation social at the Roadhouse following the GSAC meeting at 5:30.

The next GSAC meeting will be Friday, September 8, 2000.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m..

