

Graduate Student Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Connable Board Room, The Bernhard Center
08-12-05

Representatives Present: Todd Ide (chair), Kelly Daniels (vice chair), Doris Dirks (TLL), Kinfu Adisu (TLL), Toni Strutz (Social Work), Kelly Davidson (Student Affairs), Brad Salisbury (Mech. & Aero. Eng), Lokendra Pal (Paper and Printing Sci and Eng)

Guests: Dr. Kevin Vichcales (Graduate College/GSAC Advisor)

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

1. Introductions
2. Minutes approved with corrections
(moved by Toni, seconded by Doris)
3. Report from Dr. Kevin Vichcales
 - a. Health insurance packets went out. Sept. 10 deadline
 - b. Block tuition changed. Equalized for all students. Good news for grads. Block set at 9 hours, instead of 10
 - c. Search committee moves forward. Two candidates left. Now up to Provost
 - d. TA training coming up. Instructors need to reply
4. Report from the Chair
 - a. Graduate Studies Dean search: moving forward. Provost to interview two candidates
 - b. Board Meeting (July 28th): made case that grad tuition has gone up enough
 - c. Updates on Picnic (27th, 3 to 7), CommUniverCity (Sept 17th, tickets next week, flyer to go out, slight delay), Grad and Nontraditional Student Services Fair (27th, Brown and Gold room, 12:30-3)
 - d. T-shirts: ordering tees. Looking to redesign. Funky
5. GSAC Sub-Committees and University Councils
 - a. Web Committee – Kelly Daniels: We are about to contact and hire a web designer to rework the website. Hopefully a grad student. Doris says: ATIS offers training
 - b. Public Relations – OPEN (Jan Miller will accept position)
 - c. Graduate Research Symposium and Journal – Toni Strutz: Sept 9th deadline. Web publishing and small run print in Oct. Next issue in Spring
 - d. University Councils:** No councils have met
 - i. Research Policies Council (2) – Kurt Hayden & Christina Stuiwe
 - ii. Graduate Studies Council (2) – Toni Strutz & Todd Ide
 - iii. Campus Planning and Finance Council (1) – Mike Eden
 - iv. International Education Council (1) – Kinfu Adisu
 - e. GFAC – Kelly Daniels
 - i. Proposals: No proposals. We have new proposed budget. (approval moved by Kelly Daniels, seconded by Toni)
 - f. MLK Committee – Doris Dirks: making list of speakers. Will meet soon on speaker selection
 - g. CAB representative –
 - h. WSA representative –
6. Old and Continuing Business
 - a. Committee Vacancies – Future Faculty/STEM Areas, Public Relations,
 - b. GSAC Shirts: pick them up!

8. New Business
 - a. GSAC Strategic Planning Day – Saturday, September 24, 4pm, Todd’s house. Will send invites.
 - b. Graduate RSO Handbook: should we publish one? A “how to” for putting on events, publicizing, etc.
 - c. Washington DC Lobbying: flyer being distributed. Funding available. Lobby for legislation concerning tax from grad students. Sept 19th-22. Contact Todd.
 - d. GRE Prep Workshop – Partial reimbursement for WMU Grad students. Sept 24th. Morning event training. Practice test in afternoon. College of Business, rooms to be announced. Should there be a fee? Small fee for lunch? Pay fee and be refunded if you show up—motivation for attendance. (motion for GSAC to pay registration, with caveat that no shows aren’t refunded by Brad, seconded by Toni)
 - e. GSAC Meeting Time: some departments have conflicts. Suggestion that we move meeting to 4 to 6. Will decide next meeting.
9. General Announcements & Briefs
 - a. Unionization – Keith Russo and Jason Olson: not in attendance
 - b. Announcements for the Good of the Order: Kevin: validation; no more stickers, grad college no longer in charge of assistants, so validation is trickier, though it has gone through, as of yesterday. Offices get list from Joe Fletcher. Or, from a PC program. Should be better than sticker system. Yet problems may occur. Should all be together within five days from today
 - c. Next GFAC meeting – September 9
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Recessed to Roadhouse to discuss “State of Graduate Education” at 4:07 p.m.