



**Graduate Student Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Friday, January 12, 2006, 3 PM
Room 204, MLK Room, Bernhard Center

Representatives Present: Rosana Alsaud (Chair), Kelly Daniels (Vice Chair), Adam Milewski (Geoscience), Chris Jones (Geoscience), Birkin Gilmore (English), Folashade Ogunleye (Finance & Commercial Law), Darryl Plunkett (CECP), Ali Fadhel (Paper Eng., Chem Eng., Imaging), Emily Shrimp (Social Work), Kazuhiro Iwamoto (Biological Science), Joel Krauss (Ed Leadership), David Shoup (History), Erich Sommerfeldt (Communication), David Zwart (TAU), Sarah Stangle (LBGT Student Services), Nate Michon (Comparative Religion), Jennifer Messana (Public Affairs and Admin), Joanne Lau (Philosophy), Abimbola Ogunleye (Computer Science)

1. Call to order
2. Introductions
3. *Approval of Minutes from 12/15/06: moved by Erich, seconded by Jen. Motion carries.
4. Report from the Dr. Lewis Pyenson, Dean of the Graduate College: not present. Graduate assistants must register for health care by January 15th. Grad College is rewriting guidelines concerning race and gender, given recent political changes
5. Report from the Chair
 - a. Welcome Janice Quakenbush! She has replaced Kelly Davidson. We will send KD something to honor her service
 - b. Presidential Search Advisory Committee: receiving applications and nominations
 - c. Dinner with the President: January 22. RSVP by January 15
 - d. Ombudsman Office is back: thanks to Haenicke. Dr. Bailey is former Ombuds. Hours posted on the door, 218 Bernhard
6. GSAC Sub-Committees and University Councils
 - a. Web Committee – Kelly Daniels : many events updates
 - b. Public Relations – Folashade Ogunleye : working on brochures
 - c. Graduate Research Symposium and Journal (Hilltop Review) – Roy Henry, Ali: 21 submissions. Discussion of going to print, and looking for more reviewers. Call for Paper going out soon
 - d. University Councils
 - i. Research Policies Council (2) – Chris Jones & Adam Milewski – Need one representative to replace Chris. Meet second Thursday of the month. Student research day, concerning research excellence and teaching. Combining the awards ceremony with a research celebration. 13th of April recommended as date of event
 - ii. Graduate Studies Council (2) – Rosana Alsaud & Erich Sommerfeldt: did not meet
 - iii. Campus Planning and Finance Council (1) – Kelly Daniels – Kelly must resign because of a conflicting schedule. Need one representative. Erich volunteers
 - iv. International Education Council (1) – Kazuhiro Iwamoto: have not met
 - e. GFAC – Kelly Daniels
 - i. Proposals
 1. * International Programs Council: GFAC recommends funding IPC \$500 for International Festival. Moved by Jen, seconded by Nate. Motion carries.
 - f. MLK Committee – Deondra Ramsey: not present. David Zwart: service project starts at the morning at the Radisson, then a march from Kanley Chapel to MLK park, starting at 4pm. All should attend
 - g. CAB representative –
 - h. WSA representative – Jo Lau: No activity.
7. Unfinished Business
 - a. Anti-Racism Panel 2/24: problems with the Dalton Center, so will use Bernhard Center, room 208

- b. Diane Rehm Talk 3/13: We have raised 7,500, and need a hundred dollars more. Great job Rosana and Erich! And thanks to all the donors
 - c. Bus trip to Chicago 3/31: an email went out to GSAC members. Kazu volunteers to administer the second bus. Kelly will administer the first
 - d. * Vice-Chair Search: suggestions about altering the ad. Adam: suggests making the Vice Chair position a full time appointment, for recruiting purposes and because there is plenty of work to be done
 - e. Big Brother Big Sister Bowling 2/23: Looking for teams
 - f. Constitution and By Laws: coming up soon
8. New Business
- a. Distinguished Teaching Award: please nominate your favorite professor
 - b. Legislative Action Day with NAGPS: Washington DC, February. Rosana and Jen will be going. Invitation for Erich and/or Jo to attend
 - c. About the National Association of Graduate -Professional Students (NAGPS) and membership benefits: health insurance available through NAGPS. Loan consolidation. Car insurance. Lobby day, advocacy.
9. General Announcements & Briefs
- a. Unionization – David Zwart: MLK Day. Mass meeting on Friday January 26, Bernhardt 157, 5:30. Negotiations are ongoing
 - b. Announcements for the Good of the Order
 - c. Next GFAC and GSAC meetings: February 9, March 16
11. General Discussion “The State of Graduate Schools”
12. Adjourn: 4:25