

GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (GSC) MEETING –APRIL 18, 2012



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I. CALL TO ORDER

☞ Meeting was called to order at 11:02am on April.18, 2012 at the board room, Library, ASU.

☞ Sign in sheet was passed instead of roll call.

II. REPORTS

☞ *President’s Report:*

- President welcomed guests, graduate students, the news media and all the council members.
- She briefed the GSC history (A copy of it is available in website).
- President and the Vice president presented the awards. (The Award details can be found at the end of this document).

☞ *Secretary’s Report:*

- Secretary notified the council members that all the meeting minutes are up to date on the website.
 - Usha – Motioned for the acceptance of the minutes.
 - Jason –Seconded it
 - Vote: Unanimously approved.

☞ *Treasurer’s Report:*

- The operating budget : \$10197.19
- And the outstanding travel fund : \$ 946.81
- Operational balances only will be rolled over to the next semester.
- Tom stated that the awards and the plaques cost \$1400 this year, and it will be less expensive next year because the plaques can be used for 27 more years. The only cost for the plaques should be engraving the year’s winners and the cost of trophies to be handed out.
 - Amanda- Motioned to accept the treasurer’s report
 - William –Seconded it.

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- Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

☞ **Travel Fund Report:**

- Sheena stated that on April 3rd along with the other members of the TF committee (Sindhu and Traci) they awarded \$2550 in total to the students for research and conferences. The split up amount would be 8 people were given \$300 and one was given \$150.
- Detailed Reports are said to be submitted at the office.

☞ **Report on SGOC:**

❖ **Financial Aid & Scholarship Committee:**

- Brittany reported that they are in the process of listing and ranking the Campus Awards and Scholarships.

❖ **Lecture Concert Committee:**

- Sheena stated that the committee is trying to set up a meeting with The Concert/ Lecture series committee.
- She also stated that a detailed report on the committee has been submitted at the office.

❖ **SGOC Committee:**

- Tom notified all that the Grad. School has submitted a proposal to eliminate the Grade ‘D’ from the curriculum.
- We voted no on the Fraud Policy and Principles of Research.
- A new policy has been proposed – Intellectual Property Policy Any Research done on campus then the research becomes schools property. Tom stated that the ‘Blanket was too broad’ and therefore voted NO on this policy.

➤ *DiDi thanked all the members of all the committee and appreciated their work all through the semester.*

☞ **Representative’s Report:**

- No Reports

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☞ *Ad-Hoc Committee’s Report:*

- ❖ *Emergency Students Funds* : Semeria Shaw mentioned that Dr.Cathelene and Dr.Brooke are the possible advisors for the committee.
- ❖ It was mentioned that the International Student Committee was dissolved. Because there was no real founding of an issue.
- *Tom: In the future the Ad-Hoc Committee chairs need to send a report to the Executive Board.*
- *DiDi: Declared that all old business was now clear for the year 2011-2012*

III. NEW BUSINESS

- Elections were conducted by the Vice-President, Tom Henry, for the Executive Board for 2012-2013
Election Results:
President : Danny Kopp
Vice-President : Sheena Terrell
Secretary : Brittany Reese
Treasurer : Krishna Bista
- The new officers were seated.

IV. OPEN FLOOR

- ☞ Sheena put forth that we need to have more breakdown in the treasurer’s report.
- ☞ Danny stated that we just have a single account for operating all our funds and we also get it from the leadership center only when the funds are processed. So it’s kind of difficult to break down the report any further. If someone has questions about what expenses have been made, they can stop by the office. There are contracts and copies of all expenditures.
- ☞ Jason enquired about the recorder and DiDi answered that the order has been placed but there was none in stock hence we need to replace the order.

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V. ADJOURNMENT (APRIL 18TH, 2012 @ 12:29 PM)

- Meeting adjourned at 12.29 pm Motioned by Traci Seconded by William, agreed unanimously.
- Lunch was provided to all the members after the meeting was adjourned.

AWARDS FOR THE YEAR 2011-2012

The following awards were presented by the Graduate Student Council:

❖ **LaDesta McCann-Henry Outstanding Graduate Student :**

Ms. Serena Weren was the winner of this award.

❖ **Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant :**

Ms. Melissa Bobowski was the winner of this award.

❖ **Graduate Faculty Mentor:**

Dr.Gary Edwards was the winner of this award.

❖ **Graduate Research Assistant :**

Mr.Krishna Bista was the winner of this award.

❖ **‘Champions of the Graduate Students Award’**

Dr.Andrew Sustich , LaDesta McCann-Henry, Thomas G.Henry were the winners.

All the winners were presented with a Trophy, and their names on perpetual plaques and \$ 200 as a token of appreciation.

- ❖ *All the council members who are to be graduating in 2012 was honored with a Medal.*

The award ceremony ended at 11.32 Am.

Congratulations to all the Winners!!!