

GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (GSC) MEETING –OCTOBER 3, 2012



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I. CALL TO ORDER

☞ Meeting was called to order at 12:34 am on October 3, 2012 at the board room, Library, ASU.

☞ Sign in sheet was passed instead of roll call. (See Figure A)

II. REPORTS

☞ **President's Report: (See Figure B)**

- Dr. Lucinda McDaniel discussed the new patent policy of intellectual property.
- Will be working to get the people in place for committees
- Will be on Dec agenda of sgoc meeting
- President looking for clarification
- Change policy to receive a D in graduate level choice
 - Has been implemented but some syllabus have not recorded the change
 - Options now a, b, c, or f

☞ **Vice President's Report (See Figure C)**

☞ **Secretary's Report:**

- September 5 minutes have been uploaded online. The university is going through a change concerning the website. Sheena and Usha will be going to training

☞ **Treasurer's Report:**

- Operational: \$2, 715.76
- Action Fund: 2, 715.76=9 applications

☞ **Action Fund Report:**

- Three applications, one approved
 - Others not approved because more information was needed

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• **Report on SGOC:**

- ❖ Will be working to get the people in place for committees

III. NEW BUSINESS

- Coffee from the GSC
 - Thursday coffee, tea, and hot chocolate
 - 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Show student ID to make sure they are students
- GSC Newsletter
 - Letting students know what is going on as far as activities

III. OLD BUSINESS

- Nepotism
- Motion was already brought up in exec
- Vote by show of hands- unanimous part 1
- Part 2 Vote 9
 - Motion carried
- October Activity
 - Date could change- bowling 400 for event
 - 8 dollars a person gsc would cover half of it
 - Voted to have event on Oct 25 or Oct 30
 - Event will be on Oct 25
 - Thursday Oct 25-6:30 or 7 p.m.
 - GSC polo Shirts
 - 650 with 50 plus pay half them
 - Voted to purchase polo shirts and GSC paying half
 - ✓ Unanimous
- International student Office and Study Aboard-info on agenda
- Graduate student update – applicants will be advised next week if they are chosen

IV. OPEN FLOOR

- ☞ No items

V. ADJOURNMENT (OCTOBER 3RD, 2012 @ 1:15 PM)

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Reese on 10-3-12

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Figure A: Sign in sheet

GSC Representative Enrollment Sheet -Fall 2012	
Department	Name
Educational Leadership	Bill Lange
	Sheena Terrell
Environmental Sciences	
Heritage Studies	
Molecular Biosciences	
Statistics	
Physical Therapy	
Agriculture	
Biology	
Business Administration	Liting Zhao
Business Technology	
Chemistry	
English	
History	
Music Education	
Physical Education	
Political Science	
Reading	
Sociology	
Communication Studies and Theatre	
Psychology and Counseling	
Accountancy	

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Arts	
Communication Studies and Theatre	
Business Administration	
Communication Disorders	
Engineering Management	
Public Administration	
Rehabilitation Counseling	
Computer Science	Usha Ramanathan
Mathematics	
Mass Communications	Brittany Reese
Nursing	
Social Work	
Biotechnology	

CEE	Krishna Bista
	Pamela Shultz
Exercise Science	Sharice Naash
	Md Rasel Rana
International Students	Sindhu Kaimal
Sports Administration	Bharqav Sanapala



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Figure B: President's Report

Graduate Student Council Meeting

Library Board Room, October 3, 2012- 12:30 p.m.

President's Report

Sheena T. Terrell

- Meeting with Hunter Petrus, SGA President
 - Usha and I met with Hunter Petrus on 9-25-12 in his SGA office. Items discussed as follows:
 - SGA sending a grad student to our GSC meetings
 - GSC representative attending SGA meetings
 - Hunter invited Usha and I to the SGA meeting that took place that evening
 - I invited Hunter to our next GSC meeting on 10-3-12
 - The SGA is planning a “Town Hall” meeting with campus administration and will provide us with details as they develop
 - The SGA is also preparing a resolution to formally address reinstating a pharmacy
 - The SGA Engineering department representative is designing a plan for building a walk over bridge for pedestrians to access the intramural sports fields. Our Engineering representative has been invited to work on this project. The name will be sent to James Ray.
 - We discussed the differences in our action funds where the SGA has funding for campus organizations; and we have funding for individual graduate students
- Email to Dr. Sustich
 - I sent an email inviting Dr. Sustich to our 10-3-12 meeting. Since he has a prior engagement, he will attend our 10-17-12 meeting.

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- 2012-2013 Budget
 - The budget for this academic year has been finalized and sent to Dr. Sustich and Martha Spack.
- Office Supplies
 - We are in the process of ordering some basic office supplies. The total is less than \$200 dollars.

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President's Report

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- SGOC Meeting 9-24-12
 - Patent issue that was initially tabled has been sent through shared governance
 - Patent issue will be on the agenda at the December meeting
 - Dr. Lucinda McDaniel will speak about the policy at the next GSC meeting
 - Officers were put in place
- D Grades in Grad Level Courses (email conversation between various constituencies)
 - SGOC agreed to have this receive an expedited review so that it could be in place for the start of this academic year. The policy was approved by Dr. Hudson after it was fully supported by all constituency groups (Faculty Senate, Deans Council, Chairs Council, SGA, and GSC). The Chancellor's response notes that "the campus community will be informed of my decision, which will be done through the ASU Daily Digest." The 2012-2013 *Graduate Bulletin* (which is still undergoing last minute edits) does not have D grades in it. Banner has already been reprogrammed so that D grades are not an option for graduate level courses. That is why the D grades will not load into it.
 - I have asked for feedback from the faculty senate executive committee via Julie concerning how widely known the policy

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was when the fall term started. Thus far we have confirmed that the College of Business was aware and implemented the new policy in its graduate courses. I will work to bring this issue to closure shortly once more information has been collected.



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Figure C: Vice President's Report

- I Emailed all the department chair's and Deans asking them to send a representative for their department to serve on the council. Hope fully by the next meeting we will be able to see most of them in the meeting.
- The webpage has been updated with the new officer's list and the Sept 5th meeting minutes.
- Since the university is in the process of changing the layout of the old website, we want make sure if the changes what we make will reflect on the new website.
- Myself and Sheena has a website training on 23rd Oct, so after the training once we get fully cognizant about will be able to update the GSC webpage totally.
- The travel fund application has been revised and will be available online after 23rd of October.