

September 14th, 2011

Assembly Meeting

6:00-7:00pm

President Kevin Smith called the meeting to order at 6:09pm.

Quorum was met.

I. Minutes

Vice President Tim Brandt moved to approve the May, June, July, and August minutes that were unapproved due to lack of quorums. Treasurer Pablo Mosteiro seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Executive Committee Reports

A. President Kevin Smith's Report

Over 620 students attended the new graduate student orientation in which the President spoke, welcoming the new graduate students. Will attend a CPUC executive committee meeting and an APAG meeting this weekend and will report.

B. Vice President Tim Brandt's Report

The housing letter should be ready soon. The research symposium vote through email closed at 6:00pm today. Communications Director Kjell Wangenstein will tally the results and report back to assembly.

C. Secretary Brooke Macnamara's Report

Updated the assembly on Graduate Writing Days. There was difficulty in having Campus Club accept the request and in hiring a coordinator, but both have been achieved. The current issue is on finding a commitment device that is feasible, since we do not have a credit card so cannot have graduate students pay commitment money online ahead of time. Several ideas were discussed. Will ask the coordinator to look into more online payment options and potentially to call registered individuals (through Doodle) as a commitment device.

D. Treasurer Pablo Mosteiro's Report

Investigating securing funding for the next fiscal year and will present the budget at the next assembly meeting.

E. Academic Affairs Chair Bart McGuyer's Report

Many of the investigated policies have changed. Dissertation costs have been reduced by changing policies as to the number of required copies and the copyright

fee changed to a dissertation maintenance fee that allows dissertations to be available online. The letter urging change will be changed to a thank you letter and will also encourage the university to further reduce the costs. The FAQ section on the GSG website has been updated to reflect these policy changes.

F. Facilities Chair Brookes Brown's Report

Absent/no report

G. Communication Director Kjell Wangensteen's Report

Absent/no report

H. Social Chair Daniell Rowles' Report

Reported on the last minute social event last Friday in cooperation with the Graduate College. The Graduate College House Committee paid for pizza and the GSG sponsored the cocktail hour following. Very well attended (estimated at 250 students). Purchased a small keg and cases of soda.

Last year in September, the GSG and D-Bar co-sponsored a welcome back outdoor cocktail hour followed by a glow party at d-bar. Daniell will serve as a consultant only this year as she will not be available to organize such an event in September. D-bar will also borrow the GSG's equipment.

The next event is typically the largest event of the year: the wine and cheese event at Campus Club. This year it will be held on 9/20. Tables will be organized by grapes. Global emails will be sent out for paid staff (help at the door and bartenders), then another advertising the event the week of the event. This will be the last event of the budget year.

I. Health and Life Chair Kelly Kearney's Report

Has followed up with the investigation of when SHP coverage is terminated. The documentation is unclear and UHS staff has agreed to clarify the language. UHS is starting a committee to negotiate student health plans each year. The committee includes at least one undergrad and at least one grad student. No Assembly members volunteered for the position.

II. Discussion Items

A. Special Election for CPUC Priorities Committee

Received one statement fulfilling the requirements. The statement from Lisa Hahn, a graduate student in the Woodrow Wilson School was paraphrased.

Brooke moved to approve the candidate for the position. Pablo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

B. GSG Fiscal Year Date Change

Our fiscal year dates are different from the university's. Our election year is also different. Before discussing whether we should discuss changing our fiscal year to match the university's we will ask Brookes for an historical perspective of why it was created differently.

C. Mailing of letters

Approved letters have been sent, some are still in the editing phase.

III. New Business

A. Psychology Department Representative Kyle Keller addressed the issue of new students moving into Stanworth, but that there is no longer shuttle service. Kelly Kearney noted that Dean Russel is already aware of this. There are also questions about the schedule being reduced.

B. Psychology Department Representative Kyle Keller discussed that 2nd-year students in Hibben-Magie are not able to retain their apartment. Assembly discussed: The Housing department is looking into retainment policies.

IV. The next assembly meeting will be Wednesday October 12th.

Pablo Mosteiro motioned to adjourn the meeting, Tim Brandt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

Attendance

Executive Committee:

Kevin Smith (President)

Tim Brandt (Vice President)

Brooke Macnamara (Secretary)

Pablo Mosteiro (Treasurer)

Daniell Rowles (Social Chair)

Bart McGuyer (Academic Affairs Chair)

Kelly Kearney (Health and Life Chair)

Assembly Members:

Tim Brandt (AST)

Daniell Rowles (MOL)

Jacob Olidort (NES)

Kyle Keller (PSY)

Kevin Smith (WWS)

Mike Campanell (PPL)

Pablo Mosteiro (PHY)

Guests:

Donghun Lee (GC House Committee)

Daisy Chen

Olivia Martel (Community Programs Coordinator)