**Graduate Student Council Meeting**

**Shumaker Research Building, Room 139**

**February 15, 2012; 7:00pm**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

President Travis Gault called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

**Attendance**

**Present:**

**Arts and Sciences**

[Biology (BIOL)-Jeffery Masters; English (ENGL)-Amy Lueck; Entrepreurship (Business) (ENTR)-Proxy-Trayan Kushev; Mathematics (MATH)-Kim Meyer; Humanities (HUM)-Jasie Stokes; Physics (PHYS)-Andriy Sherehiy; Psychology & Brain Sciences (PSYC)-Paul Anderson; Sociology (SOC)-Lisa Stapleton; Urban & Public Affairs (Public Admin) (UPA)-Proxy-Angela Alexander-Mendoza; Women’s Studies (WMGT)-Kelsie Patton]

**College of Ed (CEHD)**

[Health Promotion, Physical Edu, & Sports (HPES)-Luke Wakefield; Leadership, Foundations & Human Resources (ELFH)-Christine Wiggins-Romesburg; Teaching & Learning (EDTL)-Carolyn Wilson]

**School of Medicine**

[Anatomical Sciences & Neurobiology (ASNB)-Brynn Dombroski; Audiology (AUDI)-Nikki Goldowski; Biochemistry & Molecular Bio (BIOC)-Saasha Anil Kareparembil; Pharmacology & Toxicology (PHTX)-Proxy-Pritesh Kumaz; Speech Language Path (NSSLHA)-M. Katherine Dally]

**School of Nursing**

[Nursing (NURS)-Proxy-Heather Hardin

**SIGS**

[Bioethics (BETH)-Rebecca Amerisa Waters]

**School of Music**

[Music (MUS)-Yvonne Freckmann]

**School of Public Health (SPHIS)**

[Epidemiology & Clinical Invest (PHCI)-Elizabeth Boyd]

**Speed School**

[Chemical Engineering (CHE)-Proxy-Joey Bohrmon; Computer Engineering & Computer Science (CECS)-Artur Abdullin; Industrial Engineering (IE)-Randall Walker; Mechanical Engineering (ME)-Daniel Porter]

**Absent:**

**Arts and Sciences**

[Accounting (ACCT); Chemistry (CHEM); Classical & Modern Languages (CML); Communications (COM); Fine Arts (FA); Geography & Geosciences (GG); History (HIST); Justice Administration (JA); Pan-African Studies (PAS); Political Science (POLS); Public Administration (PA); Theatre Arts (TA)]

**College of Ed (CEHD)**

[Education and Counseling Psychology (ECPY);]

**Dental School**

[Oral Biology (OBIO)]

**Kent School**

[Kent School (KENT)]

**School of Medicine**

[Microbiology & Immunology (MBIO); Physiology & Biophysics (PHY)]

**Speed School**

[Civil & Environmental Engineering (CEE); Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE) ]

**Guests at our meeting**

* Dr. Bradley Carpenter is a new professor in the College of Education and a new faculty member to the UofL family
  + He served as an Advocate for Graduate Students at his former institution and launched a Chapter SAGE (Student Advocates for Graduate Education) coalition at Univ. of Texas-Austin to advocate for grad students’ VISAs and student loan forgiveness
  + He is willing to serve with UofL GSC to advocate for grad students and is looking forward to working closely with the GSC

Ms. Dana Carpenter is the new Program Coordinator of Health Promotion, a division of UofL’s Campus Health Services. She was unable to attend, but her husband, Dr. Bradley Carpenter was able to speak on her behalf:

* + The Health Promotion Dept. tries to cater to students’ needs
  + For $6 you can get a 30 minute massage on campus
  + There will be free cooking workshops, grocery shopping lists, personal fitness trainers, and sexual health workshops
  + Motivational Speaker Bryant Terry, chef food justice advocate and author will be on campus Feb 27-Mar 2

**Officer Reports**

**President – Travis R. Gault (gscpres@louisville.edu)**

* Travis Gault delivered his report as written.

**Vice President – Brynn Dombroski (badomb01@louisville.edu)**

* Vice President Dombroski inquired if the GSC would like to change the meeting time for our March meeting from 7pm to 7:30pm since it will be on the HSC
  + Majority voted for 7:30pm and requested a map & directions to be sent via e-mail for the March meeting at CTR on HSC

**Treasurer – Amerisa Waters (rawate01@louisville.edu)**

* Treasurer Waters inquired if GSC Reps were on Facebook

GSC majority responded that they are on FB.

Treasurer Waters will send link so that GSC reps can add people to FB group

There will also be a Grad Symposium Event page on FB

* GSC Fall Event Ideas
  + GSC would definitely like to continue the **Planetarium** event next year
  + Treasurer Waters suggested the **Cressman Center**, glass blowing gallery and demonstration event and reported that there is no charge for this facility because it is affiliated with UofL, but parking would cost between $5-$8 because it is downtown
  + GSC majory responded in favor of this event with no concerns about parking

**Travel Administrator – Mike Schoen (mkscho01@louisville.edu)**

Travel requests were up-to-date as of the previous week

We have ~$7,500 for travel remaining, so we still have about 75% of our money to give out

International travels need to be cleared by the International Center and additional forms need to be completed; GSC Reps must sign Travel Forms in order for funding to be processed and reimbursed

**Information Chair – Amy Lueck (ajluec01@louisville.edu)**

* Update on Climate Survey

The Institutional Research Center is now reviewing the Climate Survey

* Registration for the Graduate Research Symposium is closing soon
* We are arranging a recognition luncheon for regular GSC reps, in conjunction with SIGS & GTA Academy

Hoping to have food, certificates and maybe a flash drive as a gift for Recognition Luncheon

PLAN news:

* + Launching trial of text-message notification for events

Info Chair Lueck stated that per GSC recommendation, PLAN is launching a trial text-msg notification for the events students sign up for; the first trial event went very well!

Question: Can these workshops be webinars? Especially the ones that are information dump sessions?

Info Chair Lueck: Webinars will not replace interactive workshops, but information dump sessions will have PPTs posted on the PLAN web site

Question: Would PLAN be willing to come to a council meeting?

Info Chair Lueck: Yes!

Suggestion: These workshops would be better for parents either early morning or late at night after dropping off and picking up kids from kids

Info Chair Lueck: Would anyone be interested in more morning or evening workshops?

GSC: Majority said yes

Suggestion: Would it be possible to have workshops on weekends?

Info Chair Lueck: Yes.

**Discussion Topics**

* Bourbon Trail/Woodford Reserve Distillery Tour and Afternoon at Keeneland developments
  + President Gault: If Friday April 13th is the only day we can have this event, would we still be interested in having it?
  + GSC: Majority said no
  + President Gault: Would you prefer to argue for Saturday, April 7th?
  + GSC: If SAB will do the 7th, let’s do the 7th. If not, let’s not do it.
  + GSC: We prefer to split the $5,000 between the two events, not spend it all on 2 buses
* Grad Night at the Speed Museum developments
  + President Gault asked GSC to select 4 or 5 appetizers on Bristol Menu and leave those by the door on their way out
* SGA meeting proxys are still needed:
  + Tues., Apr 3
  + Tues., Apr 17

**Old Business**

* None

**New Business**

Motion to table approval of the Minutes from January 18, 2012 since they were accidentally left out of the packet.

Motion: Mike Schoen

Second: Amy Lueck

Motion Carries

Motion to approve a course of action regarding the distillery tour/racetrack event and the night at the museum event.

Motion: Amerisa Waters

Second: Amy Lueck

Motion Carries

Motion to allocate up to $1200 to SAB for the two graduate events.

Motion: Amerisa Waters

Second: Amy Lueck

Motion Carries

Motion to allocate up to $500 for the May cookout.

Motion: Amy Lueck

Second: Brynn Dombroski

Motion Carries

Officer Nominations

Nomination for Info Chair: Amy Lueck

Nomination for Treasurer: Amerisa Waters

Nomination for Travel Admin: Amerisa Waters

Nomination for VP: Brynn Dombroski

Nomination for President: Amerisa Waters

**Upcoming Events**

* Mar. 21 – GSC Meeting / Officer Elections
* Mar. 23 – Graduate Research Symposium
* Apr. 18 – Last GSC Meeting

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Amerisa Waters

Second: Angela Alexander-Mendoza

Motion Carries

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm