

Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Union

Official Minutes--Summary

Date/Time: Thursday November 18, 2010 2:30pm

Location: 340 Gardiner Hall

Representatives Present: Harley Ferris (English), Carissa Shafto (Psychological & Brain Sciences), Maurya Delgado (Anthropology), Jahari Pittman (Pan-African Studies), Jeremy Hornbeck (Physics & Astronomy), Katie Wagner (Humanities), Rebecca Wells (Communication), Kim Meyer (Mathematics), Christy Rhodes, (Political Science)

UL Faculty and Staff Present: Dr. Wendy Pfeffer, Assistant Dean of Graduate Affairs, Rick Vanlttersum, Program Assistant Sr., Graduate Affairs/Advising

I. Welcome: Carissa Shafto

Shafto called the meeting to order at 2:33pm.

II. Approval of 10/21/2010 Meeting Minutes

Shafto opened the floor for discussion of minutes from the prior meeting. After reviewing the minutes, a statement regarding GSU grant awardees and their departments was corrected. Wagner was added to the representatives present list as her name was omitted in the unofficial draft. After amending, Delgado motioned to approve, Hornbeck seconded, and the minutes from the October meeting were approved with unanimous consent.

III: Discussion Item: Old Business

a. Report from 11/15 GSU Study Break: Vanlttersum reported on the food and soft drink giveaway from earlier in the week. Pfeffer and Vanlttersum staffed the study break where graduate students could drop in get a snack or have lunch in the Schumaker Research Building Room 139. Traffic was steady between noon and 2pm and the event successfully distributed approximately half of the remaining food and beverages leftover from the cornhole tournament. To further reduce the amount of leftovers, a second study break event was scheduled for Tuesday November 30 from 11am-2pm in SRB 139. Pfeffer announced a revised invitation to the study break would be emailed to students prior to Thanksgiving break. Representatives recommended sending the invitation on the Monday (Nov 29) before the event in an effort to keep the event fresh in the minds of the graduate student population, as an invite prior to Thanksgiving break might get cluttered with holiday plans.

b. GSU Social Hour: Vanlttersum reminded the GSU of social hour for November 18 at Bearno's U of L campus location beginning at 6pm. He announced Bearno's offered specials on domestic beer, half price appetizers, and discounts on pizzas. Meyer

agreed to bring the GSU banner and some of the promotional bags to Bearno's as a means of directing attendees to the group of A&S graduate students.

IV: Discussion Item: Events Committee Report

a. Committee Makeup: Wells agreed to join the events committee as she was absent from the October meeting. The committee members consist of Felten, Wells, Woofter and Hornbeck (serving as chair).

b. Report Tabled: Hornbeck explained that the events committee was not able to meet since the October meeting, but would be in contact with committee members to arrange a meeting. The committee report was tabled to a future meeting. Vanlttersum reminded representatives of the April 7 deadline for CPC funds for Fall 2011.

VI. Discussion Item: Announcements

a. GSC Events: Meyer notified GSU members of upcoming events sponsored by the university-wide Graduate Student Council. She announced that both sessions of the Graduate Student Family Night (Friday, Nov. 19) at Rauch Auditorium were sold out. The GSC and the Graduate School were once again planning a graduate student ball for the spring semester in a date and a venue to be announced soon. Finally, the GSC was looking into a bus tour of the Bourbon Trail for the spring 2011 semester with more detailed to be announced.

b. Humanities Conference & Book Reading: Wagner announced the Humanities division was hosting its second annual AHA conference on March 25, 2011. Those interested in attending or presenting at the conference may find more on the Humanities website. She commented that the conference went extremely well last year and the division was anticipating similar results for 2011. She also noted Julie Wade and Amy Tudor, both students in the Humanities Doctoral Program, will read from their recently published books at an event on Friday, November 19 at 4:15pm in the Ekstrom Library.

c. Pan-African Studies Homeless Drive: Pittman altered the GSU to the Pan-African Studies department's drive to help provide jackets, winter wear, and other essentials to Louisville's homeless population. They were seeking new and gently used winter apparel as well as other supplies at the PAS office in Strickler Hall through December 6. Those seeking the list of items needed or more information may contact Pittman directly or inquire with the Pan African Studies department.

d. Dean's Signatures: Vanlttersum reminded members seeking dean's signatures from for Dr. Pfeffer for independent study, thesis committee, and other graduate education forms may drop them off at his office at Gardiner Hall LL10a.

VI: Next Meeting

a. Meeting Time and Date: The next scheduled meeting for the GSU is Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 2:30pm in 340 Gardiner Hall. With the exception of the December 9 meeting, all fall 2010 meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

VII: Adjournment

Shafto requested a motion for adjournment. Ferris motioned to adjourn, seconded by Wells, and the motion passed with unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 pm.