

Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Union

Official Minutes--Summary

Date/Time: Thursday August 26, 2010 2:30pm

Location: 340 Gardiner Hall

Representatives Present: Ricky Woofter (Chemistry), Zach Kenitzer (Urban & Public Affairs), Rebecca Wells (Communication), Harley Ferris (English), Sarah Williams (Psychological & Brain Sciences) Carissa Shafto (Psychological & Brain Sciences), Kim Meyer (Mathematics)

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

I. Welcome: Sarah Williams

Williams called the meeting to order at 2:37pm.

II. Approval of 4/11/2010 Meeting Minutes

Williams opened the floor for discussion of minutes from the prior meeting. After reviewing the minutes, the representatives offered no changes. Wells motioned to approve, Meyer seconded, and the minutes from the April meeting were approved with unanimous consent.

III: Discussion Item: Old Business

a. Orientation/Graduate Student Reception Report: Williams reported on two recent events; the Student Organization Fair during SIGS New Student Orientation and the A&S Graduate Student Reception. Both events were successful in promoting the GSU to the graduate student population. Attendance at the reception was estimated at 130-140 students and faculty, which was increase over past years. The lobby of Lutz Hall was suggested as a venue for next year's reception, as the event has outgrown the lobby in the Shumaker Research Building.

b. Update on GSU New Representatives: Vanlttersum distributed the current roster of GSU representatives. He added that departments were working on replacing representatives lost through graduation. The GSU welcomed Harley Ferris and Zach Kenitzer as new representatives for the 2010 academic year.

c. Promotional Items & Banner: Vanlttersum displayed the reusable grocery bags ordered by the GSU as free giveaways for events. He estimated that more than half of the original 270 bag allotment was distributed at the two events of the previous week. Over the summer, Wells completed the GSU's banner and the banner is ready to use for events this fall.

IV. Discussion Item: GSU Research Fund

a. Fund Availability for both Fall and Spring: Pfeffer announced that the GSU Research Fund would be expanded for awards for the fall and spring semesters. The GSU agreed to application periods from Sept 20-Oct 4 in the fall and Jan 31-Feb 14 in the spring. \$2000 is available from the Dean's Office each semester.

b. Amounts/Criteria: Similar to last spring, the GSU will award 20 grants for up to \$100 each semester. Selection criteria will be based on the quality of the application and eligibility for award (future purchases, use in 2010 academic year, etc). Examples of past grant projects will be added to the application page on the GSU's website.

c. Ad-Hoc Selection Committee: Meyer, Kentizer, and Ferris agreed to serve on the selection committee along with Pfeffer and Vanlttersum. A committee meeting will be arranged the week of October 4.

V. Discussion Item: Fall Fundraising Event

a. Cornhole Tournament: The GSU agreed to host a cornhole tournament during homecoming. October 1 from 3pm-7pm is the proposed time and the proposed location is the West Lawn across from Red Barn/SAC. Rain location will be either the Red Barn or the SAC depending on availability. In lieu of an entry fee, the GSU will raffle off a cornhole board for a suggested donation per ticket as a fundraiser. In addition, the GSU will sell concessions to event attendees.

b. CPC Funds Application: With the August 27th deadline to apply for Club Programming Committee funds, Williams agreed to write an event synopsis for the application. Shafto agreed to develop an event budget with expenses and potential profit.

VI: Next Meeting

a. Meeting Time and Date: The next schedule meeting for the GSU is Thursday, September 16, 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

Williams requested a motion for adjournment. Shafto motioned to adjourn, seconded by Williams, and the motion passed with unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm.