

Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Union

Official Minutes--Summary

Date/Time: Thursday September 23, 2010 2:30pm

Location: 340 Gardiner Hall

Representatives Present: Ricky Woofter (Chemistry), Zach Kenitzer (Urban & Public Affairs), Harley Ferris (English), Sarah Williams (Psychological & Brain Sciences) Carissa Shafto (Psychological & Brain Sciences), Kim Meyer (Mathematics), Maurya Delgado (Anthropology), Jordan Pittman (Pan-African Studies), Jeremy Hornbeck (Physics & Astronomy), Triza Cox (Theatre Arts), 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: Sarah Williams

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

II. Approval of 8/26/2010 Meeting Minutes

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

III: Discussion Item: Old Business

a. Student Organizations Meeting: Williams reported on the recent Student Organizations Meeting held in the Student Activities Building. Attendance is mandatory in order to keep RSO status and eligibility for CPC and other event funding opportunities. By attending the meeting, the GSU became eligible to receive \$200 for food and beverages for the upcoming cornhole tournament.

b. Update on GSU Research Fund: Vanlttersum notified representatives the fall application period for the GSU Research Fund began on September 20 and garnered 32 applications thus far. Applications were accepted until October 4. The ad-hoc selection committee of Meyer, Kentizer, and Ferris agreed to meet with Graduate Affairs staff to select grand recipients following the application deadline. Similar to last spring, the GSU will award up to 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).

IV. Discussion Item: A&S Academic Discipline Committee

a. Call for Volunteers: Pfeffer indicated a need for graduate students to serve on the A&S Academic Discipline Committee led by Andrew Williams of A&S Advising. Three regular members and one alternate are required to meet on Wednesdays at 3pm on an as-needed basis. Delgado, Hornbeck, Kenitzer, and Shafto agreed to serve on the committee.

V: Discussion Item: Concerns for New Academic Year

a. Enforcement of the Smoking Ban: Shafto requested a discussion on the enforcement of the university's smoking ban. Representatives questioned the effectiveness of enforcing the ban, as smoking often occurs near entrances of buildings despite designated smoking areas. Furthermore, it is unclear on who enforces the ban be it campus police, public safety staff, or another organization. Meyer noted that designated smoking areas were often poorly lit and open to the elements, thus leading to smokers seeking sheltered areas near university buildings during poor weather. It was noted that Eastern Kentucky University used a bus-shelter-like structures as designated smoking areas.

b. Safety: Discussions on campus safety centered on the University Police escort service. Students that previously used the service found it to be worthwhile, but had concerns regarding the identification of those providing escorts. Williams described that the public safety staff person that escorted her to her vehicle arrived in a white unmarked vehicle while wearing casual clothing. If the staffer had not identified himself as a representative of public safety, he was indistinguishable from others on campus. A recommendation was made for all escort staff to wear a shirt or uniform identifying them public safety staff and to use university vehicles with official university or campus police seals or markings.

VI. Discussion Item: Cornhole Tournament

a. CPC Funds Results: The Club Programming Committee awarded the GSU \$200 to be used for food and beverages for the Oct 1 event. Since the funds were designated for a specific purpose, the GSU could not use funds to purchase prizes, equipment, or other items. Vanlittersum agreed to contact Robin Sutherland from Student Affairs to setup a date to use the procurement card. Williams offered to purchase the food and beverages at the Gordon Food Service Marketplace.

b. Venue and Equipment: Vanlittersum reserved the West Lawn on October 1 from 2pm-7pm with the cornhole event scheduled to begin at 3pm. He also reserved Student Activities' four sets of cornhole boards to be used during the event. He asked GSU members to be on the lookout for U of L or generic cornhole boards that the GSU could borrow for the evening. *Note: The event was moved to the Gardiner Lawn due to an event conflict on the West Lawn.*

c. Tournament Style: Originally, the GSU intended to raffle off a cornhole board for a suggested donation per ticket in lieu of a tournament entry fee. Food and beverage concession sales to attendees and the raffle were to be main fundraising components to the event. However, with the CPC denying the request to purchase equipment,

giving away a prize for the raffle became problematic. VanIttersum suggested adding a \$5/person--\$10/team entry fee as the main fundraising component. The entry fee included a minimum of three games of cornhole, a GSU tote bag, plus food and beverages for all participants. Winners of each 4-team pool (round robin) would advance to the single elimination bracket in order to determine a champion. Woofter graciously donated two tickets to the U of L homecoming football game as a grand prize.

VI: Next Meeting

a. Meeting Time and Date: The next schedule meeting for the GSU is Thursday, October 21, 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 Hornbeck, and the motion passed with unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm.