

Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Union

Official Minutes

Date/Time: Thursday October 13, 2011 8:30pm

Location: Bearno's—UL Campus

Representatives Present: Chris Proctor (Anthropology), Stephanie Moses (Classical & Modern Languages), Hannah Harrison (English), James Trey Nunn (Geography), Katherine Wagner (Humanities), William Cameron Stelzig (Justice Administration), Kim Meyer (Mathematics), Tytianna Smith (Pan-African Studies), Kevin Fahey (Political Science), Sarah Williams (Psychological & Brain Sciences) Carissa Shafto (Psychological & Brain Sciences), Jeremy Hornbeck (Physics & Astronomy), Allison Scott Pruitt (Sociology), Ashley Smith, (Theatre Arts), Angela Mendoza (Urban & Public Affairs), Kelsie Patton (Women's & Gender Studies)

Representatives Missing: Bioethics & Medical Humanities, Biology, Chemistry, Jessica Fawbush (Communication), Alexis Bass (Fine Arts), Sarah Reddick (History)

UL Faculty and Staff Present: Rick Vanlttersum, Program Assistant Sr., Graduate Affairs/Advising

I. Welcome: Sarah Williams

Williams called the meeting to order at 8:30pm.

II. Review of 9/8/2011 Meeting Minutes

Williams opened the floor for discussion of minutes from the September 2011 GSU meeting. After reviewing the minutes, the meeting location was corrected to reflect the move from Gardiner Hall Room 340 to Bearno's—UL Campus. After amending, Wagner motioned to approve the September minutes, Hornbeck seconded, and the minutes from the September meeting were approved with unanimous consent.

III: Discussion Item: Old Business

a. GSU Research Funds Report: Vanlttersum presented the representatives a handout that listed the recipients of the GSU Research Fund for the fall. In all, 47 graduate students submitted applications with 21 of the students awarded funding during the fall application period. He added that grant recipients came from each division of A&S and only one of the 14 departments that applied did not have an award recipient. Experimental Psychology and Biology garnered the most grant recipients with three each while Clinical Psychology, Humanities, Anthropology, and Sociology all garnered two recipients. Vanlttersum announced a second application period for the

spring that is slated to begin in mid-January. The ad-hoc selection committee made suggestions on improvements for the spring application and a revised application will be available for review by the December meeting.

b. A&S Alumni Ambassadors Program Update: Williams updated the GSU on the new alumni ambassador program which was briefly discussed at the September meeting. The program is designed to promote the college's academic and research accolades and help spur social and community involvement activities for the college's alumni living in the Louisville area. Williams planned to meet with Dean Hudson and program director Lindsey Ronay in the near future in hope to add a "younger influence" to the ambassador's program.

c. Update on GSU New Representatives: Vanlittersum distributed the current roster of GSU representatives as Communication, Fine Arts, and Theatre Arts named new representatives. However, he had not yet heard from Biology and Chemistry prior to the October meeting. Williams reminded all representatives of the GSU's meeting attendance policy and departments that do not attend at least 3 of 4 GSU meetings within a semester are subject to probation for the Spring 2012 semester.

IV. Discussion Item: Selection of GSU Secretary

a. Officer Opening and Position Description: Due to a change in schedule, Harley Ferris was unable to continue his term as Secretary for the 2011-12 academic year. In accordance to the GSU constitution, an election may be held during the year to complete the term of a departing officer. A handout describing the duties and responsibilities for the office was distributed to the representatives.

b. Nomination/Election: Williams called for nominations for Secretary. Harrison was self-nominated and Moses seconded her nomination. With no further nominees offered, Williams called for a vote to approve Harrison and she was elected by unanimous consent.

V. Discussion Item: Fall Potluck Event

a. Change in Date: At its September meeting, the GSU agreed to host a fall potluck and dessert sale in Lutz Hall on Friday evening prior to Thanksgiving break. However, Nunn discovered that the proposed date/time of November 18 from 5pm-8pm conflicted with a pre-existing Graduate Student Council event at Rauch Planetarium. Representatives offered two choices; start the potluck at an earlier time so students could attend both events that evening or move the event to another Friday evening. With the planetarium event scheduled for the same time as the potluck (and providing free food), the consensus was to move the potluck to Friday November 11).

b. CPC Funds Application: Pruitt reported the Club Programming Committee rejected the application for funding the potluck event. In late August, the GSU made a request for \$127 to cover the cost of beverages and paper goods. To help cover costs for the event, Vanlittersum countered that the Dean's Office was willing to provide all plates, napkins, cups, and other utensils.

c. Potluck Logistics: Event attendees (including GSU representatives) are asked to bring a dish to pass of their choosing which includes all salads, entrees, appetizers, and desserts. An earlier plan to sell baked goods and desserts as a fundraiser was scrapped in favor of an open potluck. Pruitt volunteered the members of the Sociology department to bring beverages. All A&S graduate students, their families, undergraduate students, and faculty members may attend.

VI: Future Meetings

a. Meeting Time and Date: The next scheduled meeting for the GSU is Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 8:30pm at Bearno's U of L campus. With the exception of the December 6 meeting, all fall 2011 meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

VII: Adjournment

Williams requested a motion for adjournment. Wagner motioned to adjourn, seconded by Smith, and the motion passed with unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.