

## **Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Union**

### *Official Minutes--Summary*

**Date/Time:** Tuesday December 6, 2011 7:00pm

**Location:** Bearno's—UL Campus

**Representatives Present:** R. Amerisa Waters (Bioethics and Medical Humanities), Hannah Harrison (English), James Trey Nunn (Geography), Katherine Wagner (Humanities), William Cameron Stelzig (Justice Administration), Kevin Fahey (Political Science), Carissa Shafto (Psychological & Brain Sciences), Jeremy Hornbeck (Physics & Astronomy), Angela Alexander-Mendoza (Urban & Public Affairs), Kelsie Patton (Women's & Gender Studies), Seth Adams (Biology), Sarah Williams (Psychological & Brain Sciences), Allison Scott Pruitt (Sociology)

**Representatives Missing:** Ashley Smith (Theatre Arts), Stephanie Moses (Classical & Modern Languages), Kim Meyer (Mathematics), Chris Proctor (Anthropology), Jessica Fawbush (Communication), Alexis Bass (Fine Arts), Sarah Reddick (History), Tytianna Smith (Pan-African Studies), , Chemistry,

**UL Faculty and Staff Present:** Dr. Wendy Pfeffer, Assistant Dean of Graduate Affairs

#### **I. Welcome: Sarah Williams, President**

Williams called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

#### **II. Review of 10/13/2011 Meeting Minutes**

Postponed due to Vanlttersum's absence.

#### **III. Review of 11/10/2011 Meeting Minutes**

Correction: Meetings were held on 2nd Thursday of every month.  
Correction motioned by Williams; seconded by Hornbeck.

#### **IV: Old Business**

##### A. Potluck Recap:

Not heavily attended, but went off well. Pfeffer solicited feedback from the group, which included considering connecting with another group for similar events in the future. Shafto suggested avoiding Friday events. Williams solicited ideas for spring activities. Pfeffer discussed the potential of corresponding with SIGS; Williams said SIGS is willing to fund events with/for GSU. Another suggestion was made that GSU could host social events to follow up SIGS events. GSU might also consider tagging along with peer mentoring workshops. Waters pointed out that SIGS Calendar is flexible. Pfeffer will investigate and follow up with Williams and GSU.

### B. Ineligible departments

GSU's bylaws were reviewed/discussed. Departments to go on probation following this meeting: Bioethics, Biology, Chemistry, Communications, Fine Arts, History, Pan African Studies, Theatre Arts. Pfeffer reiterated that the students in departments consistently represented have access for funding, and there is potential for more money for departments represented. Pfeffer encouraged GSU reps to promote funding opportunities available through AS/GSU throughout their departments. To get off probation: departments must be represented for the entire semester of probation to be eligible again for the next semester. It is important that representative members remember to send someone if they cannot make it to a meeting. Williams suggested that Pfeffer email Chem, Comm, & Fine Arts since they didn't send anyone during the entire Fall 2011 semester.

### C. Pint Glass Vendor Status Update

Hornbeck's contact for a pint glass vendor does not appear to be a viable option, so other potential contacts were solicited. Pfeffer is still searching for local businesses that could print labels on the pint glasses. Pfeffer and Williams plan to continue that search, and also consider the option of etching instead of printing on the glasses.

### D. Reminder: A&S Academic Discipline Committee

The committee plans to meet tomorrow at 2:00pm in GAR 230. Volunteers include Wagner, Hornbeck, Shafto and Pruitt.

## **V. New Business: Research Fund Applications (Handout)**

### A. Revised Version from November Meeting

Members suggested dates for the January application opening and deadline as Friday, January 13th to Monday, January 23rd, 2012. Pfeffer encouraged applicants to ask questions regarding funding and the application process, both for themselves as well as for students in their departments. Pfeffer also suggested a correction in the description to read: "funds must be encumbered or expended."

### B. Selection Committee

Members agreed to designate an ad hoc committee during the January, 2012 meeting.

## **VI. New Business: Planning for Future Meetings**

### A. Location Change

Due to a regular Thursday night music event at Bearno's, members discussed changing the location of our future meetings to Boom Bozz Taproom on Bardstown road.

However, due to the near-campus location of Bearno's, members agreed to change the day of the monthly meeting instead of the location.

#### B. Meeting Time, Date and Location

Hornbeck suggested the GSU meet every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm for the social hour and 8:30pm for the official business meeting. Members voted and agreed to meet at Bearno's during those hours on January 11th, February 8th, March 7th (due to spring break on the 14th) and April 11th, 2012.

### **VII. Working with Departmental Graduate Student Groups**

#### A. Graduate Student Involvement with GSU

In order to solicit more graduate student involvement in GSU, members were asked to collect the names and email addresses of departmental student organization leaders, and to provide them to VanIttersum. Pfeffer reminded the group that our meetings are public events open to not only graduate students in A&S, but also faculty and undergrads as well. The group agreed to explore potential avenues for collaboration for a spring 2012 event.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

Following miscellaneous announcements from members, Williams requested a motion for adjournment. Hornbeck motioned to adjourn, seconded by Williams, and the motion passed with unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.