

# Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Union

## *Official Minutes*

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, 12 September 2012 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** The Granville Inn

**Representatives Present:** Chris Sims (Anthropology), Katherine Wagner (Humanities), Anthony Smith (Justice Administration), Bradley Coffey (Political Science), Jeremy Hornbeck (Physics & Astronomy), Jamie Bougher (Physics & Astronomy), Kat Becker (Urban & Public Affairs), , Mihaela Mayword (Classical & Modern Languages), Heather Hunt (Mathematics), Jelisa Clark (Sociology), Carl Cloyed (Biology), Megan Pavageau (Pan-African Studies), Cara McHugh (Theatre Arts) via proxy, Mary Mudd (Communication),

**Representatives Absent:** Teresa Cox (Classical & Modern Languages), R. Amerisa Waters (Bioethics and Medical Humanities), Erica Harbeson (Women's & Gender Studies), Tracy Eckersley (Fine Arts), Chemistry, Geography, History, Psychological & Brain Sciences

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

President calls meeting to order 20:32

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **I. President asks reps to review minutes:**

Sims calls notice to incorrect date. "September" not "August." Secretary makes note.

VanIttersum notes that Women's and Gender Studies needs proxy. Hornbeck responds that WGST is using their one absence

President moves to approve corrections to August Minutes. Motion seconded. Motion carries.

#### **II. GSU Research Fund Form (RFF), pink sheet**

President announces all proposed changes to the RFF from August meeting were implemented (see AUG minutes). President asks reps to review revised RFF. Dr. Pfeffer, requests change:

Item 2, Sept 24 to Oct 1 “pref will be given to projects in Fall 2012” (projects in January are in between “cycles”)

VanIttersum explains UofL budgeting situation to justify the language in the form. Sims is concerned that the proposed language might still be confusing. Pfeffer offers “Priority will be given to projects in Fall 2012, there will be another round of funding in Spring 2013 semester.”

Mudd also finds language confusing. President explains that language needs to both provide information and restrict the number of applicants.

Mudd suggests having the window for Spring semester open at the end of Fall. Hornbeck explains that window is in Spring, not end of fall, to accommodate late spring conferences. Mudd: conferences are known about months in advance—so end of fall shouldn’t be a problem.

Pfeffer poses 2 questions:

Is it a useful change to have funding for Spring take place at end of fall semester? Funding not avail until end of Jan. Discussion ensues among reps. Hunt prefers to keep window in January. Notes short windows for conferences in her dept.—that conferences in her dept. don’t always have advanced notice.

Theater Rep. raises concern that his dept. has dates but does not have specifics (required by PFF) in time for an opening in January (Jan too *early*, not too *late* as was previous worry of Comm. Rep.) Hornbeck explains that theater grad students could still apply for their *event* even if they don’t have specifics, but to provide as many specs as possible.

Hunt asks about summer expenses:

Dr. Pfeffer replies that summer expenses are tricky—travel in May June easier, July is a whole new fiscal year for UofL. July expenses are not eligible for GSU funds. Dr. Pfeffer acknowledges that this is unfortunate, but necessary. VanIttersum also says you can travel if the event can be paid for before June 15 deadline.

Dr. Pfeffer calls for reps to acknowledge their understanding of this form and funding. VanIttersum announces he will post form to web (GSU website, only place) and send out email on Friday to all grad students and GSU listserv for distribution. Possible to put on org sync site.

Hornbeck encourages all reps to become a member on ORGSYNC. Touts usefulness for reps involved in multiple organizations.

Hornbeck announces pending changes to date proposed and priority language. Motion to approve form seconded. Motion carries.

### **III. Old Business Item – Research Fund Approval Committee**

Hornbeck reminds the approval committee—who have the task of reading RFFs sent in by A&S grad students—will meet 09/28/12 Gardiner 340 at 10:00am 2 members of that committee absent from meeting.

Pan African Studies Rep., Megan Pavageau, self nominates as a backup.

### **IV. Dodgeball**

Hornbeck announces the Dodgeball Tournament is open to pretty much anyone, grads, undergrads, faculty, etc. Date confirmed for 28 October 2012, at 2 PM. Event is on orgsync.

Pfeffer asks if we have the field that date. Hornbeck says he will check on that and will check in on CPC funds. (we probably don't qualify). Hornbeck requests event committee to contact IM sports. Bougher, self nominates, from EVENTS committee.

Giveaways from CPC still questionable: GSU swag – luggage tags, VanIttersum to order (see agenda).

Mudd has volunteered for EVENTS committee – to look for CPC funds.

President passes around sample luggage tag.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **V. Reactions to State of University Address**

Speech will be available on president's web page.

Provost's initiative – how do we become the university of the 21<sup>st</sup> century (how can we do more with less). Dr. Pfeffer is disappointed by speech, wonders if grad students are represented in these considerations. Asks are the chairs of Grad School, going to be involved? Notes that A&S is the largest constituency of grad students at UofL.

President Ramsey pledges to continue improved lines of communication. Dr. Pfeffer and GSU President Hornbeck want reps thinking: how can we get in on these lines?

Mandate: WE NEED TO GET GSU INVOLVED IN PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS.

Hornbeck calls for deeper involvement and offers to write to President Ramsey asking how GSU can get involved. Dr. Pfeffer Suggests writing letter to Shirley Willinhangz (sp?), provost.

Hornbeck reminds reps that GSU (of A&S) is in the best position to intervene. Dr. Pfeffer reminds 2 out of 3 grad students don't have sufficient funding. Presidents calls for us to continue the discussion stemming from State of University speech.

## **VI. President calls for OPEN DISCUSSION.**

A) Hornbeck requests members join orgsync (orgsync.com, make profile, search GSU). Dr. Pfeffer comes back to funding question – you've got to come to meetings to keep your department eligible to receive money. Question:

Do we continue to fund departments who were well represented last semester, but aren't coming now?

Sims suggests allowing funding if dept. only misses allotted one meeting. Mudd asks: how does succession take place? Dr. Pfeffer says its up to depts. and dept. reps to decide how they will comply with GSU requirements. President encourages depts. to have proxies in place. Bring them regularly or have them ready.

B) Hornbeck reminds reps to go to GCS meeting on Sept 19. In EKSTROM. Math rep, Heather Hunt, reminds why we should go to GSC meeting (they received funds without allocating any of it to grad students). We asked to give us \$5,000 out of \$43,000 to GSC travel funding. We need to go to GSC, SIGS matches 150%

## **VII. PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Hunt says noise in Granville is problem. Hornbeck calls for vote for new venue change vote. Seconded by Pavageau. Motion carries.

Cluckers was last month's back up location. Bougher has consulted Cluckers. Hornbeck calls for vote to move meeting location to Cluckers. Seconded. Motion carries.

Hornbeck reminds next meeting at Cluckers on 10 October 2012 and calls for final thoughts.

President calls for motion to adjourn. Magyar seconds. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 21:29