**Graduate Student Council Meeting**

**Health Sciences Campus—CTR Building, Room 124**

**March 21, 2012; 7:30pm**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

President Travis Gault called the meeting to order at 7:39pm

**Attendance**

**Present:**

**Arts and Sciences**

[Biology (BIOL)-Jeffery Masters; Chemistry (CHEM)-Okoromba O. Elisha; Communications (COM)-Ryessia Jones; English (ENGL)-Amy Lueck; Fine Arts (FA)-Meghan McGinnis; Mathematics (MATH)-Kim Meyer (new rep will be Heather Hunt); Physics (PHYS)-Andriy Sherehiy; Political Science (POLS)-Kevin Fahey; Psychology & Brain Sciences (PSYC)-Paul Anderson; Urban & Public Affairs (Public Admin) (UPA)-Proxy-Amy Wilson; Sociology (SOC)-Lisa Stapleton; Women’s Studies (WMGT)-Kelsie Patton]

**College of Business**

[Entrepreurship (Business) (ENTR)-Proxy-Dalong Ma]

**College of Ed (CEHD)**

[Health Promotion, Physical Edu, & Sports (HPES)-Luke Wakefield]

**School of Medicine**

[Anatomical Sciences & Neurobiology (ASNB)-Brynn Dombroski; Biochemistry & Molecular Bio (BIOC)-Saasha Anil Kareparembil; Pharmacology & Toxicology (PHTX)-Akshata Moghe; Speech Language Path (NSSLHA)-Proxy-Jenny Wyrick]

**SIGS**

[Bioethics (BETH)-Proxy-Dylan Brock]

**School of Music**

[Music (MUS)-Yvonne Freckmann]

**School of Public Health (SPHIS)**

[Epidemiology & Clinical Invest (PHCI)-Elizabeth Boyd]

**Speed School**

[Computer Engineering & Computer Science (CECS)-Artur Abdullin; Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE)-Amal Farag; Industrial Engineering (IE)-Randall Walker]

**Absent:**

**Arts and Sciences**

[Classical & Modern Languages (CML); Geography & Geosciences (GG); History (HIST); Humanities (HUM); Justice Administration (JA); Pan-African Studies (PAS); Public Administration (PA); Theatre Arts (TA)]

**College of Ed (CEHD)**

[Education and Counseling Psychology (ECPY); Leadership, Foundations & Human Resources (ELFH); Teaching & Learning (EDTL)]

**College of Business**

[Accounting (ACCT)]

**Dental School**

[Oral Biology (OBIO)]

**Kent School**

[Kent School (KENT)]

**School of Medicine**

[Audiology (AUDI); Microbiology & Immunology (MBIO); Physiology & Biophysics (PHY)]

**School of Nursing**

[Nursing (NURS)]

**Speed School**

[Chemical Engineering (CHE); Civil & Environmental Engineering (CEE); Mechanical Engineering (ME)]

**Officer Reports**

**President – Travis R. Gault (gscpres@louisville.edu)**

* Travis Gault delivered his report as written.
  + GSC Feedback in regards to the Graduate Student leave policy (sick leave/vacation) that President Gault presented in Appendix IV is as follows:
    - Question: What is the definition of annual leave?
    - Question: What is the benefit of taking it?
    - Suggestion: You may want to differentiate between a 10 month and 12 month appointment
    - Question: Is this going to lead to a “punch in and punch out” clock?
    - President Gault: No, this is just to have something in writing to allow grad students to take leave time, especially students who are visiting family overseas. This is to establish a written policy as to what is expected and to answer questions such as, “How many hours a day/week am I supposed to work?” “Am I allowed to take a winter/spring break?” etc.

**Vice President – Brynn Dombroski (badomb01@louisville.edu)**

* Vice President Dombroski delivered her report as written.

**Treasurer – Amerisa Waters (rawate01@louisville.edu)**

* Vice President Dombroski delivered the Treasurer’s report on behalf of Treasurer Waters.
  + GSC feedback in regards to the whether or not GSC members share similar concerns as the members of the GSU in relation to the lack of compliance with the smoking ban, GSC members collectively provided the following:
  + Suggestion: Identify designated smoking area

**Travel Administrator – Mike Schoen (mkscho01@louisville.edu)**

Travel Administrator Schoen delivered his report as written.

**Information Chair – Amy Lueck (ajluec01@louisville.edu)**

* Update on Climate Survey

The Institutional Research Center is now reviewing the Climate Survey . Info Chair Lueck stated that changes were made based on GSC rep recommendations and that the document is currently “in blue” according to survey language. This survey will be going out to all graduate students. Please respond to it.

In PLAN news, Info Chair Lueck highlighted three events that might be of particular interest to most graduate students:

* + 3/30 Being a Graduate Student Leader 12-1pm Houchens 105
    - This will talk about different student leadership opportunities
  + 4/13 Women in Academe panel 3-5pm Shumaker 139

Shirley Willingham and four other faculty will be there to focus on issues women face in academia, i.e. if you decide to have a family or not

* + Mentoring Kickoff Event ~ April 30th

This event will address how to make mentoring more effective and productive; it will also include improvisational acting from the theater dept and should be a lot of fun to watch!

**Discussion Topics**

* GSC response to getting a graduate student meeting place and maybe even lounge space at the University Club is as follows:

Suggestions: GSC members would be interested in a space to host GSC meetings; perhaps GSC could have priority reservations above other orgs; possible food discounts from the restaurant; discount club membership; allow GSC to rent the space to put money in our account; provide a space to have a more professional dissertation defense

Comments: The GSC would prefer a functional space over a social space; no one has an interest to “hang out” or “lounge” at the University Club

**Old Business**

Motion to approve the Minutes from January 18, 2012 since they were accidentally not included in last month’s meeting packet

Motion: Brynn Dombroski

Second: Kevin Fahey

Motion Carries

**New Business**

Motion to approve the Minutes from February 15, 2012

Motion: Lisa Stapleton

Motion: Ryessia Jones

Motion Carries

Approve SGA Constitutional changes (see Appendices I & II)

Motion: Mike Schoen

Second: Kevin Fahey

Motion Carries

Approve SGA Bylaws changes (see Appendix III)

Motion: Mike Schoen

Second: Kevin Fahey

Motion Carries

Motion to begin GSC Office Elections (see Appendices V & VI)

Motion: Kevin Fahey

Second: Mike Schoen

Motion Carries

Officer Elections

Presidential Candidates: Amerisa Waters

Motion to acclimate Amerisa Waters as President: Mike Schoen

Second: Kevin Fahey

Motion Carries

Vice Pres Candidate: Brynn Dombroski

Motion to acclimate Brynn Dombroski as President: Kevin Fahey

Second: Saasha Anil Kareparembil

Motion Carries

Treasurer: Mike Schoen

Motion to acclimate Mike Schoen as Treasurer: Kevin Fahey

Second: Brynn Dombroski

Motion Carries

Travel Administrator: Amy Lueck

Motion to acclimate Amy Lueck as Travel Administrator: Brynn Dombroski

Second: Kevin Fahey

Motion Carries

Information Chair: Rachael Croley

Motion to acclimate Rachael Croley as Information Chair: Kevin Fahey

Second: Kelsey Patton

Motion Carries

**Upcoming Events**

* **Mar. 23** – Graduate Research Symposium
* **Mar. 31** – Graduate Night at the Speed Art Museum (Mar. 31) 7-10pm
* **Apr. 7** – Season Ticket registration opens
* **Apr. 18** – Last GSC Meeting (Belknap)
* **Apr. 28** – Bourbon Distillery Tour and Keeneland Races (Apr. 28) 8:30-5pm

**Announcements**

1st Annual Graduate Student Union Dodgeball Game is set for April 1st on the Intramural fields south of Eastern Pkwy @ 3pm; just show up with 2 cans; 6 people per team; winning team will receive a golden ball as a trophy

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Mike Schoen

Second: Brynn Dombroski

Motion Carries

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm