

## GSA Minutes 11/30/2010

### **Attendance**

Katie Amrine  
Beth Hernandez  
Rachael Martin  
Joshua Phillips  
Julie Phillips  
Kristynn Sullivan

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### **Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 1:15pm.

Katie – Approval of Minutes

- Good

Officer Reports

Kaiqi – not present

Katie

- Funding agreement for Graduate Students
  - not used currently as far as we know
  - all students are supposed to get a commitment letter each year
  - the information doesn't arrive until it's really too late to send out
  - many budgets don't get finalized in time
- GRC interested in focus group results
- GRC wants a draft of learning outcomes for both parties (student and advisor)
  - Carrie King had a form that tried to determine where we should be with this
  - Graduate division's survey results still not processed

Kristynn

- UCSA survey trying to get through
  - According to TA union, they can't ask about certain employment issues
  - Probably first thing next semester now

Beth

- CRTE training for graduate students to present work in local schools

- How to do different kinds of presentations? How to keep it audience appropriate?
- Workshops to get ideas together, and put together a subcommittee to help flesh out the details.

Julie

- \$4795.11
- Several reimbursements from the summer and Kristynn's travels have finally posted

Katie

- President's Council meeting
  - Retreat? But not paying for it.
  - Try to find a way to address student fee increases

Josh

- Newsletter update
  - Moving slowly
  - Will get more communication going this week

Katie

- Focus Groups
  - If a quorum, then vote for grad group representative
  - Physics might need to be grouped with Applied Math next time
  - Maybe use AOB for Applied Math from now on
  - Open other people to focus groups, but make sure they only come to one
- Seventh Position
  - Ideas
    - Vice-president of internal affairs or other views based on other GSA's
    - Work with grad group coordinators
      - See how they are serving the students
      - Each one has a different job description
    - Split committee appointments so that maybe new position would cover more sustainability issues and basically take some academic affairs work
    - Fill slots in committees
    - Keep records for administrative committees
    - Graduate group reps overview (keep track of senate)
  - Should this take over the responsibilities of other officers, or just do new things?
  - What would be best for GSA? What is our need?
  - Should we distribute the committee appointments differently? Do we then need a new person?

- Focus on establishment of a Senate and the seventh position would oversee this?
- Cattracks pushed off
- Potluck
  - Dec. 5, 6, or 8?

Rachael

- April 18 – Research Week
- No Committee
- New thing, the creative side of research, not just the numbers
- Not really anymore information
- No idea who is organizing the core poster session
- Get someone from each school to help decide what happens

Meeting adjourned at 2:02pm.

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Old Business to discuss at next meeting(s):

- Travel Grant Application and Rubric – Julie
- Research Week – Rachael
- Focus Group / Town Hall Meeting Dates – Beth and Julie
- Seventh GSA Position – Katie
- CatTracks – Katie
- Newsletter – Josh & Beth
- Research Funds – Beth
- SHIP Update – Kristynn