

GSA Minutes 11/08/2011

Attendance

Chelsea Carey
Beth Hernandez-Jason
Joshua Phillips
Julie Phillips
Erin Stacy
Kristynn Sullivan
Janelle Szary

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:10am

Minutes approved.

Kristynn

- Nothing much to report

Chelsea

- Chancellor's committee concerning womens' issues
 - Suggestions
 - Maybe more focus on job stuff
 - More outside academia
 - Not just teaching
 - Pay issues
 - Dealing with negative feedback towards ambition (being taken the wrong way)
 - Maybe combine with CAPS for dealing with these issues

Janelle

- Michelle Greenwood will attend next meeting as a proxy for Janelle

Kristynn

- Justin Collmann wanted to screen "Naturally Obsessed" for the grads.
 - Need to find a location
 - Sounds like a good idea though
 - Will get back with him

Beth

- CAPRA
 - By the time we get to 10-12,000 students they want a 10% grad constituency
 - Have to find ways to focus on strategic areas where we can be competitive
 - Feeder schools might be good to focus on (ex. smaller liberal arts schools).
 - Maybe place on our website a set of questions to ask an advisor, or just good advice for new grads.
 - Maybe Grad Div. would be a better webspace to use.
 - Maybe reuse materials from other places and groups.
 - Need for more courses, and independent studies. Faculty not being equally paid for these.
 - Suggestions
 - Graduate student seminar series?
 - Would help people get talking experience
 - Help people learn about other people's work
 - Foster interdisciplinary collaboration
 - Some grad groups already do this
 - Probably have a symposium at Research Week as well
 - Maybe GSA organized?

Erin

- Public Outreach
 - Franklin Elementary
 - Tutoring opportunities
 - Need to get emails out.
 - Graduation Events for Seniors
 - Workshop bringing in outside people
 - Transition from students to working community

Julie

- Balance: \$7479.26
- OS� clerical error
 - Cindy is trying to figure out if Eric will give the money back.
 - We didn't ask OS� to do this, so we will just need to see how this thing pans out.
 - Want to send out a heads-up email about how this went down to Eric. (Josh's draft)
- Maybe use a debit card to manage our own money
- Need to rethink how we will start to handle spending.

- Table travel grant protocols for next meetings.

Josh

- Nothing

Beth

- Committee Reports
 - VC Advisory Board
 - TAPS looking for student on new advisory board for night permits
 - Doesn't exactly make sense from the descriptions
 - Are A lots open to B permit holders if B lot is full?
 - What do they mean by night permits?

Kristynn

- Focus Groups
 - \$8 per pizza – Julie has numbers for each group – less than \$200 total
 - Water as well as soda, using spout-containers
 - Paper cups also
 - Questions for focus group
 - Need to make a survey (2-pages)
 - Maybe get bookstore gift certificates for survey
 - Send scripts around to group (Josh)
 - Need to focus questions around current issues (last year it was TA and paycheck issues)
 - Word pairings data too?
 - Also, data on services being provided.
 - Summer services
 - Going to take nominations and votes at the meetings...
- Reimbursement
 - More general reimbursement for other officers
 - Need to make budgeted costs public
- Online question-addressing form.
 - Maybe just provide email contact
 - Maybe send out an email listing all contacts
 - Keep online list up-to-date
 - Need to post blurbs on all committees to help out

Meeting adjourned at 11:08am.

Business for next meeting:

- Anonymous voting over UCMCrops – Josh
- Travel Award application updates – Julie
- Budget Committee representation – Kristynn
- Internal Vice President responsibilities and tasks – Everyone
- Code of Ethics – Kristynn
- Ex-officio – Kristynn