

## **Graduate Student Advisory Council**

**October 24, 2008 12:00 PM**

**Blair Hall Room 1165**

### **Meeting Agenda**

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- II. Attendance
- III. Committee Reports
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Budget (graduate student fee)
  - b. GSAC Constitution
  - c. Website / Technology
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  - a. On and off campus fees
  - b. Textbook rental
  - c. Admission packet
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### **Meeting Minutes**

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III. Committee Reports

Social: the committee is working on getting GSAC's name out to incoming graduate students. They mentioned a number of ideas: orientation for grads, including a departmental mentor system that keeps up throughout the semester; networking on facebook for roommates; mock interviews/presentations in January or December; graduate student Crunch Brunch during finals week; bowling at Charleston Lanes, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm; etiquette dinner in March. Tasha worked on the PR for the events with set dates.

IV. Old Business

a. Budget (graduate student fee): Peter showed the formal budget sheets detailing what we have spent and what we will spend, further indicating our current debt. We will think about these budget sheets over the month and vote during the next meeting on how much of an increase we should aim for.

b. GSAC Constitution: the committee has not met yet. Peter is compiling ideas for the next meeting, which will be held before the next general GSAC meeting. More members were added to the committee (Total of 5-6 members).

c. Website / Technology: Uros showed the current updated website. He will add a photo gallery link. The projected completion date for the website is October 31, 2008. Uros also mentioned that we need more GSAC members on facebook.

IV. New Business

a. On and off campus fees: still need more information from Rodney who plans to follow up on this issue. The main issue is that students, especially cohorts who live far away from campus, are still paying student fees though they are not making use of campus facilities. We will discuss this more in depth at the next general meeting.

b. Textbook rental: the committee had a meeting. Katelyn is looking for e-mail from graduate students in other departments to see what their problems are with textbooks so she can gather more material to bring to the table for the next meeting she plans to have with textbook rental.

c. Admission packet: the graduate school is in the process of making test packets to improve quality. Rodney would like feedback on these test packets, so either e-mail Rodney or stop by his office to comment.

IV. Open Floor

- Rodney mentioned that we need to make sure to put emergency contact information on PAWS...immediately.
- All who are applying to graduate in December, MUST apply by November 4, 2008.
- Rodney is now on the Office of the Registrar Advisory Committee, so if anyone has issues with registration, he can address them.
- We may be able to submit these electronically making them much easier to publish and more accessible to larger groups. ProQuest would like be the program used. The cost, per student, could range from \$50-100...which might be an issue.

V. Adjourn

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