

**Graduate Student Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Connable Board Room, The Bernhard Center**  
**07-16-04**

**Representatives Present:** Todd Ide (Chair), Sankar Shanmugam (Vice Chair), Doris Dirks (TLL), Jay Cawthorne (PPSE), Kurt Hayden (IME)

**Guests:** Dr. Kevin Vichcales (Graduate College/GSAC Advisor)

**The meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m.**

**Introductions**

**Minutes Approved**

**Report from Kevin:**

1. Kevin mentioned about the new provost Dr. Linda Delene.
2. Also mentioned that the new Student Information System (SIS) is moving forward.
3. And also added that there is going to be a new course numbering system in the near future. All current course numbers will be added "0" as a last digit. It's going to be effective from fall '05.
4. Talked about self-service system. Which will be used to check their status of their admission after the application to the admission's office. But this system will be available for the undergraduate students and a year after for the graduate students.

**Report from the Chair:**

- a. Handbook corrections and additions are underway. Hope to send it to the printer by the end of July. Regarding GSAC picnic, caterer needs to be identified.
- b. Lobby Day in Washington was a success. NAGPS picked up 10 new cosponsors for the bill to return stipends to tax exempt status. NAGPS also is looking for a new Legislative chair to take over for Alix widge who is leaving NAGPS.
- c. Thank you for past funding was received from Marmalade Dog X and MPCA conference.

**GSAC Sub-Committees and University Councils:**

1. Web-Committee – Sankar
  - a. New laptop was purchased.
  - b. Website transition is almost completed. Sankar had a meeting with Lou Ann Morgan last week and downloaded GSAC website files into new laptop.
2. Public Relations – Jessica (given by Todd)

New grad Orientation mailing went out, Approached Kalamazoo Community Foundation for a grant to help defray cost – waiting to hear back, Will include GSAC flyer about Picnic, Student Services Fair, and CommUniverCity in the letter as well.
3. University Assessment
  - a. General Education Sub-Committee – Craig T.
    - i. Did not meet
4. Legislative – Jessica
  - a. No report
5. University Councils
  - a. Research Policies Council – Rodger and Kurt
    - i. Kurt reported that the committee is searching the web finding out who is doing what research
    - ii. A large part of the meeting was dedicated to revising the process and standards for recognizing research on campus
      - It was briefly mentioned that students were not included in the process nor allowed to receive the award

- b. Technology and Operations – Peter
    - i. Did not meet
  - c. Graduate Studies Council – Todd, Marcel
    - i. Did not meet
  - d. Campus Planning – Sankar
    - i. Did not meet
  - e. International Education Council – Paul  
No report
6. GFAC – Sankar
- a. WIDR – 89.1
    - i. Asked for Barking Tuna festival of \$2100, GFAC recommends \$700 since the event is going to attract the whole Kalamazoo community and not only graduate students.
    - ii. Sankar moved to allocate WIDR \$700, Doris seconded. Motion passed.

Adjourn at 4:00 p.m.