

Graduate Student Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Connable Board Room, The Bernhard Center
3.11.2005

Representatives Present: Todd Ide (chair), Sankar Shanmugam (Vice Chair), Jolene Berger (Biological Science), Sylvie Coulibaly (Biological Science), Al Barrese (Biological Science), Jennifer Smith (Eng.), Marcel Brouwers (English), Kelly Daniels (English), Ralucca Gera (Mathematics), Fodei Batty (Poli Sci), Israil Ali (Public Affairs and Affairs), Dawn Rothe (Sociology), Craig Tollini (Sociology), Nuria Ibanez (Spanish), Doris Dirks (TLL), Cara Siler (Computer Science), Kurt Hayden (Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering), Brad Salisbury (Mechanical & Aeronautical Engineering), Toni Strutz (Social Work), Mimi Rohlfing (Music), Ranjith Kanaka (Comp Sci), Kurt Hayden (Indust & Man Eng), Lokendra Pal (Paper & Printing Sci.), Felica Rawls (Blind Rehab), Toni Strutz (Social Work)

Guests: Jan Miller (Social Work), Jason Olsen (English), Keith Russo (English), Angela Simon (Sociology)

1. Meeting call to order 3:02 pm
2. Introductions
3. Approval of minutes
 - a. Motion by Marcel to approve, Seconded by Jennifer
4. Dr. Wiener – no report
5. Report from the Chair – Todd Ide
 - a. Meeting with President
 - i. President Bailey was disappointed in Todd's report to the board sensationalistic" and "bordering on creative writing". He stressed the report reflected the issues that students are concerned about and that nothing in it required a big jump in logic.
 - ii. Board of Trustees meeting – See above.
 - b. Dinner with the president – Set for April 14th around 6 pm. Members can give name to Todd
6. GSAC Sub-Committees and University Councils
 - a. Web Committee – Sankar
 - b. Public Relations – Ralucca
 - i. Graduate Appreciation week is on Saturday 4th April
 - c. General Education Committee – no report
 - d. Legislative Affairs Committee – no report
 - e. Graduate Research Symposium and Journal – Toni
 - i. Received a few submissions. Currently looking for some readers and if everything goes well then it will be launched on Graduate Appreciation week. The journal will be available online, so planning of arranging computers
 - f. Unionization – Keith Russo, Jason Olson
 - i. David Hacker spoke on campus. It was an informational session.

- ii. Several questions were asked and got answered. One of the questions was about the effectiveness of the proposed union
 - iii. Some of the issues are: funding to the departments is drying up, there is a lack of representation of graduate assistants with the dismantling of the grad college
 - iv. Right now they are in the process of starting the committee, getting the feedback, planning and organizing stage
 - v. People who are interested in this committee can contact Keith, Jason
- g. University Councils
- i. Research Policies Council – Kurt, Christina
 - 1. MOA will be presented at March’s Faculty Senate meeting
 - 2. Graduate student retention issues was brought up in the committee
 - 3. The recommendations includes; stipends, workload, admission standards, recruitment etc.,
 - ii. Technology and Operations Council – no report
 - iii. Graduate Studies Council – Todd, Marcel
 - 1. Working on completing the various charges from the Faculty Senate.
 - iv. Campus Planning and Finance Council – Sankar
 - 1. No report
 - v. International Education Council – no report
 - vi. SIS governance and portal governance committees – Carla
 - vii. GSC/RPC Ethics Committee - Kurt
 - viii. GSC/RPC Graduate Retention Committee – Todd
 - 1. Report is completed and will be presented at March’s Faculty Senate.
 - ix. GSC/RPC Efficacy and Efficiency of the graduate college – Marcel
 - 1. The report is done and will be presented to RPC and GSAC in the coming weeks and given to the Faculty Senate for approval at their March meeting.
- h. GFAC – Sankar
- i. Master of Social Work Student Organization requested \$500 towards the operational expenses. GFAC recommended GSAC to give \$500; Jen moved, Toni seconded, motion passed
 - ii. Sociology Organization requested \$1660 towards Take Back the Night event which will include a speaker on campus. GFAC recommends GSAC to give \$1,660; Marcel moved, Dawn seconded, motion passed
 - iii. The Cricket club at WMU request \$1,680 towards their MichCA tournament. GAC recommends GSAC to give \$250; Marcel moved, Jennifer seconded, motion passed

- iv. Muslim Student Association requested \$5,241 towards an event which brings a speaker to campus. GFAC recommends GSAC to give \$760; Dawn moved, Toni seconded, motion passed
 - i. MLK Committee – Doris (no report)
- 7. Old and Continuing Business
 - a. Professional development day – Will be March 18th. Will feature workshops on Writing a Vita; Setting a Research Agenda; What Private College, Research Institution and Community College look for in an applicant, and mock interviews.
 - b. Update on Full-time status – Committee is being formed by the Graduate Studies Council. If you are interested in serving on this committee please let Todd know.
 - c. Graduate Student Principles - Committee is being formed by the Graduate Studies Council. If you are interested in serving on this committee please let Todd know.
 - d. Graduate group meetings – Todd has attended 9 meetings so far. If any student organization is willing to arrange a meeting can contact Todd
- 8. New Business
 - a. WSA paper use proposal – Approved with the idea that no limits are placed on graduate students.
 - b. Graduate Appreciation week (April 4-8)
- 9. General Announcements & Briefs
 - a. GFAC Meeting – April 8th, 2005
 - b. GSAC Meeting – April 8th, 2005

Recessed to Roadhouse to discuss the state of graduate schools at 4:15pm