

## Graduate Student Association

### Senate Meeting Agenda

Memorial Union Room 300

10/21/09 12:30-1:30PM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Senate Meeting Minutes from 9/23/09
- III. Agenda Approved
- IV. Introduction of Officers and Senators
- V. Internal Operations
  - A. President's Report (Jack Szczepanski)
    - i. Committee Reports
      1. Joint Strategic Planning Committee
      2. Graduate Council
      3. Faculty Senate
  - B. Vice President's Report (Courtney Schmidt)
  - C. Treasurer's Report (Carrie Byron)
    - i. Budget Update
    - ii. Conference Reimbursement
  - D. Secretary's Report (Jessica Piesz)
    - i. Emails
  - E. Webmaster's Report (Wyatt Furman)
  - F. Committees
    - i. GSA
      1. Budget and Finance Committee
      2. Community Service Committee
        - a. Service ideas for this month?
      3. Bylaws and Constitution Committee
    - ii. University
      1. Academic Standards and Calendar (**Sarah Murphy**)
      2. Constitution, By-laws, and University Manual (**no appointee**)
      3. Honors Program and Visiting Scholars (**Zai Zhang**)
      4. Library Committee (**vote to appoint Rosaleen Greene-Smith and Eleni Tsoukatos??**)
      5. Teaching Effectiveness (**Sarah Murphy**)
      6. Athletics Advisory Board (**vote to appoint Greg Thielke**)
      7. Learning Outcomes Assessment Oversight Committee (**no appointee**)
      8. President's Commission on the Status of Women at URI (**Munirat Adebimpe**)
      10. Council for Graduate Research (**Marcy Thompson**)

11. Graduate Student Academic Appeals Board (**vote to appoint Josh Atwood and Becky Greene**)
12. Graduate Council-**Jack Szczepanski (vote to appoint Becky Greene)**

VI. Old Business

- A. Bowling Social on Oct. 6, 2009 at Old Mt. Lanes
- B. Formatting Workshop for Thesis/Dissertation Submission has been changed to Tues., Nov. 10, 2009, 2:30-4pm, Memorial Union Atrium 1
- C. Outcome of Graduate School Forum
- D. Academic Job Panel
  - i. Any interested professors?

VII. New Business

- A. Upcoming Events
  - i. GSA to organize a forum for faculty author Richard McIntyre-“Are Worker’s Rights Human Rights?”
    1. Discussion and vote
  - ii. Bowling? New suggestions?
  - iii. Budget and frequency of social events
    1. Increased graduate student attendance
- B. Career Services is Looking for Feedback
  - i. What kinds of workshops would you be interested in for next year?
- C. Concerned with 10% Tuition Increase
  - ii. Contact with undergrad senate, student affairs

VIII. Announcements

- A. GAU Oktoberfest, Oct. 22, 2009, 5-7:30pm, U-Club (free dinner to GA/TA’s)
- B. Indian Student Association (ISA) to host Diwali celebration, Sat., Nov. 7, 2009, Memorial Union Ballroom
- C. Off Campus Housing Fair, Oct. 22, 2009, 11-2pm, Memorial Union Ballroom (free pizza)
- D. Wine Tasting Event, Sat. Nov. 7, 2009, 6-9pm, \$20pp, Shennecossett Yacht Club, 1010 Shennecossett Rd., Groton, CT. Proceeds go to the Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern CT.

IX. Open Forum

- X. Adjourn