

Graduate Student Association

Senate Meeting Agenda

Memorial Union Room 300

3/25/2009 12:30-1:30PM

Executive Board Members in Attendance: Matt Freeman, Jack Szczepanski, Laura Ingwell, Wyatt Furman

Senators in Attendance: Yuan LI, Alison Messier, Arthur McDonald, Stephanie Alliette, Davida Robinson, Amanda Leighton, Andrew Horton, Karen Stamm, Courtney Schmidt, Ian Lyckland, Kaly Champlain, Carrie Byron, Ben Young, Josh Atwood, Kai Zhang

- I. Called to Order at 12:28 PM
- II. Senate Meeting Minutes Approved
- III. Agenda Approved
- IV. Internal Operations
 - A. President's Report (Matt Freeman)
 - i. Committee Reports: Graduate Council Meeting Next Monday, Program subcommittee met Friday, discussing the accelerated engineering program
 - B. Vice President's Report (Jack Szczepanski)
 - C. Treasurer's Report (Marcy Thompson)
 - i. Budget Update, look over new scholarship request form and send feedback
 - D. Secretary's Report (Laura Ingwell)
 - E. Webmaster's Report (Wyatt Furman)
 - i. More updates occurred over break, work in progress
 - F. GSA Committee Reports
 - i. Service Committee, planning to meet/email discussion next week
 - G. University Committee Reports from Senators
 - i. President's Commission on the Status of Women at URI- **Muni Adebimpe** ABSENT
 - ii. Constitution, By-laws and University Manual- **Todd Tetrault** ABSENT
 - iii. Teaching Effectiveness- **Tony Baldwin-Voelks** ABSENT
 - iv. Athletics Advisory Board- **Jack Szczepanski** Meeting next week
 - v. Library Committee- **Alison Messier** Graduate students please take library survey, final budget findings presented to University in April, they need more money
 - vi. Honors Program and Visiting Scholars- **Kai Zhang** still no meeting ☹
 - vii. Council for Research- **Marcy Thompson** reviewing faculty proposals for grant money
- V. Old Business
 - A. By-Laws (remove GSA/GAU liason)/Constitution (remove GSA/GAU liason and office manager position APPROVED
 - B. Socials
 - i. Bowling Monday, April 6th, 2009 from 6-9PM, we will bring quarters for air hockey
 - C. Job Panel
 - i. Any new faculty willing to participate, contact Matt
- VI. New Business
 - A. Open Nominations for Executive Board 2009-2010, additional nominations may be made until they are closed during the next senate meeting
 - i. Wyatt Furman – Webmaster
 - ii. Jack Szczepanski – President
 - iii. Courtney Schmidt – Vice President
- VII. Announcements

A. GAU now has a facebook page, their meeting is April 23rd at 5PM at the UClub, elections will be held

VIII. Open Forum

A. Karen Stamm asked students to participate in a research study for her graduate work

B. Ian Lyckland asked Matt about an update for the graduation ceremony requirements and Matt has not heard back but will bring it up at the next committee meeting

C. Both full-time and part-time graduate students may be a senator in the GSA

D. Allison had a question about caps and gowns and details on graduation that Matt is going to look into

IX. Adjourn at 1:12PM