

Graduate Student Association

Senate Meeting Minutes

Memorial Union Room 300

4/22/2009 12:30-1:30PM

Executive Board Members Present: Matt Freeman, Jack Szczepanski, Laura Ingwell

Senators Present: Lilly Hancock, Stephanie Alliette, Yuan Li, Arthur McDonald, Alison Messier, Courtney Schmidt, Ian Lyckland, Jessica Piesz, Karen Stamm, Ben Young, Andrew Horton, Kelly Morris, Kai Zhang, Patrick Bowden, Joe Brady, Josh Atwood, Davida Robinson

- I. Called to Order at 12:40 PM
- II. Approval of Senate Meeting Minutes
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Internal Operations
 - A. President's Report (Matt Freeman)
 - i. Grad Council: last minute course approvals for Fall 2009
 - ii. Faculty Senate: meet tomorrow, discussing new Presidential Candidate visits
 - B. Vice President's Report (Jack Szczepanski)
 - i. Start thinking about the senate meeting schedule for Fall 2009
 - C. Treasurer's Report (Marcy Thompson)
 - i. Budget Update
 - D. Secretary's Report (Laura Ingwell)
 - E. Webmaster's Report (Wyatt Furman)
 - i. Check the website for updates: housing, photos, reimbursement forms
 - F. GSA Committee Reports
 - i. Service Committee
 1. Final service event discussion, between Save the Bay and the 5K run, senators will email me by next Friday with preferences
 - 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** year end reports, discussed violatoinis
 - v. Library Committee- **Alison Messier** thank you to survey participants, grad student mass email was very effective, presenting budget at the faculty mtg tomorrow
 - vi. Honors Program and Visiting Scholars- **Kai Zhang** 2 new course proposals and one colloquium series, did not come to a conclusion on either at the meeting
 - vii. Council for Research- **Marcy Thompson** (absent)
- V. Old Business
 - A. Socials
 - i. Bowling at Old Mountain Lanes with a cake to celebrate graduates, aim for the week of May 13-15 first choice, then May 18-22 if other is not available
 - B. Executive Board Elections
 - i. The positions with no competition have been voted on by the senate and approved: President- Jack Szczepanski, Vice President- Courtney Schmidt, Treasurer- Carrie Byron, Webmaster- Wyatt Furman, Faculty/Staff Adviser-Tom Dougan
 - ii. Elections for secretary will be open for the next 24 hours, the candidates are Josh Atwood and Jessica Piesz
- VI. New Business
 - A. Budget Exception approved for summer social

B. Stipend Checks approved for dispersal to the executive board, handed out at the end of the meeting

C. Graduation Information post on the website

VII. Announcements

A. Commuter Transportation Forum 3-4:30 in the Atrium II today

B. GAU Meeting tomorrow (4/23) at the U Club on campus

C. Please email GSA with helpful hints for incoming graduate students to be posted on the website

VIII. Open Forum

IX. Adjourned at 1:32 PM