Call to Order: 10:08am (by George Morales)

Roll Call: (by LaTasha Lee)

Members Present: George Morales, LaTasha (Tasha) Lee, Michael (Mike) Cocuzzza, Julianne Agonis, Carlo Parker, Mya Eaton, Louisa Upadhya, Juan Barrenche, Faith Gordon, and Rachel McCray,

Advisors and Guests Present: Usar Suragarn, Glenn Pfaff, Dan Partouche (Career Development Center), Kris Killip, and Rosana Melendez

Members Absent: Amber Sobel, Nikki Diggs, Noemi Coltea, and Ramon Garcia Areas

Approvals

A motion was put forth by Carlo Parker to approve the Meeting Minutes from the Wednesday March 2nd, 2011 GSAAB Meeting. This motion was seconded by Rachel McCray. The approval of the March 2nd, 2011 GSAAB Meeting Minutes was passed by board with verbal affirmative vote.

There was a motion to admit all members by Carlo and seconded by Juan. Noemi Coltea entered the meeting.

There were several changes made to the April 6th, 2011 GSAAB Meeting Agenda. The agenda was amended to add to Old Business the changes to the bylaws regarding the name change for the respective campuses additionally the addition to add the voting of the Associate Director in the Absence of the Director. It was also mentioned to move from New to Old Business the voting amendment. A motion to include the two additions and to approve to the agenda made by Mike Cocuzzza and seconded by Carlo Parker. It was put to a vote and passed by board with verbal affirmative vote.

Open Forum

Question by Mya Budget about the dispersal of supplemental funds we obtained. Juan stated according to Jose that they should be in the accounts. Mya stated that as of Monday the supplemental funds were not in her account.
Carlo introduced Usar and stated that she is interested in joining the board; he further stated that he will be defending in June and would be resigning from the board at the conclusion of the meeting. Usar introduced herself and Glenn her husband both nursing students. Carlo stated that they are a dynamic duo and conduct mission trips to Asia and abroad. They were welcomed to the meeting. GSAAB members introduced themselves to the guests.

Dan thanked Rachel for the on Location Workshops and there were more students present at that workshop than in the past. Furthermore he stated that the rooms of the other workshops were accommodating but attendance was low. Only one student showed up in Engineering and the VIP room in the Student Union was hidden. He stated he will discuss with Director of CDC whether if they will continue these workshops in the future.

**Old Business**

**Bylaws**

- Name Change … proposed at the February Meeting
  - aim to bring the campuses under one banner
  - Mya was distributing the amendments
  - which will read Council on the respective
  - 1100.210
  - new statutes on single pages (n=2)
  - Tasha read the changes aloud to Board
  - Juan motion
  - 2nd
  - unnam pass by hand vote

**Voting**

- George introduced
- Louisa commented that in
  - motion to extend time by 3 min Tasha … 2nd by
- Noemi mentioned the concern that … precident is not standard practice in Government
  - Mike agreed
  - Discussion about a potential written letter from a Director
  - Mya mentioned that it has been practiced in the past … and has
  - George chimed in that it may just
  - Noemi stated that in chapter 500 that meeting should run by Roberts Rules and

**SG re**

- Motion to extend time 2 min Carlo and 2nd by George

Carlo mentioned that we should table the matter until we can determine if the we are not in compliance with SG protocols

- Noemi states that we need to reevaluate this
  - Faith asked how Mya felt about it

**New Business**

- George- Chair Report
  - been with GSA
  - Professional Level
GSA has been an advocate for students
social and networking events and the work that people have made from
honor and pleasure to have worked
it was a great opportunity
Resign as Chair effective immediately
Tasha will run the meeting as “Chair”
Motion to nominate Mike C as Chair 2nd by Faith
Motion b Carlo and 2nd by hand vote by unanimous hand vote
The first matter was to have the
Motion by Mike 2nd by Faith Tasha to approve Tasha
Motion to move up vote College reps up on the agenda by Juan 2nd by Carlo
College Reps
Nursing Carlo Usa introduced herself and what her anticipations. Any questions. Goes to Thailand to do a project once a year in the summer. Graduating next year and hopes to go into the PhD program. Carlo wanted to formally resign as he will be matriculating in August and would like to continue to be active wishes everyone well. Motion by George 2nd by Juan. una vote
Engineering George introduced Roxanna ... apologized for being late just entered Cand Juan asked how much longer ... she responded 2 1/12 year. George officically resigned ...ditto chair speech. Motion by Juan 2nd Tash una vote
National Health Institute Volunteers (Juan/Amber) [5 min]
Div of Research reached out as a collaboration ... reach out to COSO the feed back
June 23 Tasha spoke about the event Mya and Julianne
Committees Travel [5 min] - travel is good Tasha asked about UTC Mike will take the iniative on this
Bylaws [15 min]
Proposed amendments are on the following items:
- Name change for the campus councils (Mya) – moved to New Business and approved
- Provision for the Associate Directors to vote in the event - tabled of their director’s absence (Louisa) at the Committee that under the great advisement of Noemi that the amendments should be formally written up by the person recommending originator have them type up
presented to Board as New Business provide the rationale given to Statutes Committee then next meeting … 3 meetings to approve
  Mike Mya and Noemi
  Tasha mentioned to have the meeting expediated

  • Addition of the Coordinator position on the Boca Raton campus (Amber)
  Mike asked that Juan/Amber have presented to the
  • Change the positions of GSAAB Chair and Vice Chair from unpaid to paid positions (George)
  • Change the status of Campus Associate Directors from non-voting to voting (Louisa)
  • Upgrade the personnel hours allotted for the Northern Campuses from 10 hours per week to 20 hours per week (Faith)
  Mike stated Statutes will Review the formal presente
  George mentioned that a student can be elected as Chair and can waive the tuition waiver and stipend … Heathers answer was yes … My a asked if that was every position .. answer was not sure

Research Day (Juan/Amber) [5 min]
Friday, April 8th
Abstracts: 91 submitted; 82 now
10-12
Lunch in Grand Palm
Dr. Guzzman will be speaking about Harbor Branch
President Dr. Saunders will stop around lunch
Dr. Brown and Rosson will do welcomes and addresses
Juan asked how many will be there Friday to help out
most help will be needed at the 11:30-1 for transition to Grand Palm for Lunch
Banner on FAU Home Page

Mike had to leave and Tasha will take over the meeting

UGPC Report ` [5 min]
We also need to replace the representative for the University. Big Ticket items that are discussed during this meeting. We get 2 votes as GSA. An opportunity to shape decision and the pathway of those decisions. One doctoral and one masters degree students needed.

UGC Report [5 min]
We need to replace our representative. 2 meetings a month that this person would have to attend. Rewarding experience since you have a first hand introduction with deans and university vice presidents.

BGC Report [5 min]
Participated in the Broward Achievement Awards on March 18th with two nominations for Graduate Student of the Year. The Broward Graduate Council actually sits on the Broward Student Government Boards and as part of her role as chair she performed with SAVI in the Vagina Monologues that was held on the same day as the Yard Sale (which ended up being canceled because it needed to be changed as
She also attended the RAD training on March 28th. On April 2nd, the seaside shindig for thanking the efforts of the Broward fundraisers. BGC is also sponsoring a Beach Clean Up on April 16th at Dania Beach. End of the year student mixer is on May 7th and working on summer programming.

BRGC Report [5 min]
Juan is working on the Research Day. Mixer last week at McCormick was a success with over 75 people there. Mariposa event is cancelled because of scheduling conflicts.

NGC Report [5 min]
Faith reported that she hosted a mentoring meeting last Friday the 1st. Noemi will receive contacts from Tosha for new Graduate Students.

College Reports [25 min/~3 min each]
Rachel McCray, College of Arts and Letters
CV workshop last week and would like to rehost next semester

Michael Cocuzza, College of Business
Nikki Diggs, College of Design and Public Inquiry

Julianne Agonis, College of Education
She proposed an abstract for Research Day but will have a person presenting her poster during Research Day her name is Zara, we’re still waiting on her last name. Within the College of Education there was a presentation by a Journalist to start a Masters of Journalism with a focus on Blogging and contributions that it can make to his career. The college of Education has given out outstanding awards and each department selects candidates based on publications, volunteer service.

George Morales, College of Engineering and Computer Science
Roxana presented on behalf of the College. She will reach out to her advisor to discuss topics of interest to the Graduate Students and will bring back to the GSAAB.

Ramon Garcia-Areas, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine
Is at a AACR meeting in Orlando. Funding is available for conference attendees to receive grant money. Please contact Tosha for this.

Carlo Parker, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing
Carlo will present. Dean Search concluded Dr. Marlene Smith was appointed dean. They had their College Nurse of the Year and Leadership Awards. The nursing honor society announced that they have $1000 grants for doctoral students to use toward dissertation research. On may 1st the induction to the honor society will induct 16 new students into this society. Good news for GS- Teaching assistants for an NIH Funded $290 yearly grant for those interested.

LaTasha Lee, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
Broward sponsored the colleges networking event with Dr. Steven O'Brian chief laboratory director and came to visit for free. Their retreat/mixer was held at McCormicks and Schmids. This Friday after research day there is a 24 hour event at the ecological preserve hosted by College of Science called Bio Blitz great for kids, where they sample different types of species. The Muscular Dystrophy summer camp is in
need of volunteers June 19th to 21st similar to the camp held in Central Florida. Statistics seminar hosted by University of Pennsylvania professor. There will be a cost associated $45 and Tosha has contact information. Broward student Graduate Council will be happy to sponsor graduate students if they are interested in attending.

Resignation of Board Members
Chair
College of Nursing

Open Forum:
- Karen stated in reference to the need for computers mentioned by Nikki that for those interested there are proposals being accepted for those requesting computers using funds from the new Tech Fee. Thus, this is an opportunity to approach the administration in the college to upgrade computers or provide computers for a computer lab for the Graduate Students.
- George stated that NAGPS announced there a bill or proposal to have loans for Graduate Student will have interest will accrue and we need to be aware of these changes

Important Dates
- April 8, 2011 Research Day
- April 15, 2011 Etiquette Event at Mariposa restaurant at Nieman Marcus and the speaker Patricia Stephens 4 course meal free for grad students
- May 5, 2011 Graduation (partnership with Grad College)
- May 6, 2011 Graduation (partnership with Grad College)
- May 13, 2011 or Maybe 14 or 15 GSA Mixer Summer students intro

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Motion to Adjourn by Noemi, seconded by Juan.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33am by LaTasha Lee.