Call to Order: 2:02pm (by George Morales)

Roll Call: (by LaTasha Lee)

Members Present: George Morales, LaTasha Lee, Michael (Mike) Cocuzza, Nikki Diggs, Julianne Agonis, Ramon Garcia-Areas, Carlo Parker, Mya Eaton (by phone), Louisa Upadhya, Amber Sobel, Faith Gordon, Noemi Coltea

Advisors and Guests Present: Heather Bishara, Karen Esteves, Charlene Hickson

Members Absent: Rachel McCray, Juan Barrenche

Approvals

Minutes from September 9th, 2010 GSAAB Meeting motioned to be approved by Carlo Parker and seconded by Mike Cocuzza, passed by board with verbal affirmative vote

Motion to Admit all Members by LaTasha Lee and seconded by Amber Sobel. Board approved the motion by affirmative vote and Rachel admitted into meeting officially.

October 14th, 2010 GSAAB Agenda was amended to change the time allotted for the Career Development Center to 5 minutes. A motion to approve the agenda as read with time change by LaTasha Lee and seconded by Amber Sobel, passed by board with verbal affirmative vote

Open Forum

LaTasha introduced the new members to the board who were not present at the last meeting. Ramon Garcia-Areas is the College of Medicine GSAAB Representative admitted to the board at the last meeting. Noemi Coltea is the new Treasure Coast Director. Additionally, Charlene Hickson is the new Graduate Recruitment Coordinator for the Grad College and will be working with GSA along with Kris Killip.

Heather introduced herself and Karen to the new board members and director. She discussed the mandatory Student Government Training that would be taking place on Friday and
mentioned that following the training there would be a celebration and Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Stadium on the Boca campus.

Old Business

Committee Reports

**Owl Awards (Amber/Carlo/Faith/LaTasha)**

Amber stated that the committee will be meeting with Deb Brown at the Baldwin House following today’s meeting. The “Save the Date” and invitations have been sent out through Intelliiworks. Alumni had made donations towards the purchase of beverages for the event. The food order has been completed through Chartwells. We are currently finalizing the purchase of décor for the event. LaTasha stated that we are trying to be frugal but classy but have priced items at Target and Dollar Tree to avoid the cost incurred by going through last year's vendors. Additionally, Faith has secured a florist (Mario) at Touch of Class Flowers. And as a reminder to the board the event will take place Monday, November 15th from 6-8pm at the Baldwin House (Boca campus). The committee will be calling for volunteers at the next meeting.

Heather asked when nominations would be distributed and Amber stated the nomination requests will go out this week.

New Business

George and Amber motioned to postpone the CDC business until later in the meeting to allow Sandy Jakubow to make it to the meeting

Reports

**UGPC Report – Mike**

Last week was first meeting of the University Graduate Program Committee. The purpose of the UGPC is to approve new programs and academic programs within the college. There are a few changes in regards to concentration. Additionally the Master in Fine Arts (MFA) program was approved which will have an emphasis on entrepreneurial opportunities for students in film and arts. It was a relatively quick meeting of requests and approvals. Mike mentioned that if in your department or college items will be submitted to the UGPC to alert him of this so that he might support the item. LaTasha asked if the Max Planck FAU Neuroscience graduate program was discussed, Mike stated that it was not at this last meeting.

**UGC Report – George**

At the University Graduate Council meeting George had the opportunity to meet with the council and Dr. Saunders. He stated that though the questions of GSAAB were sent out prior to the meeting they did not make it to agenda. It was a one hour meeting with the President of FAU. Most of the concern was focused around the budget, she stated that the focus has been on undergraduate students yet there is a strategic vision for the university. The number of graduate programs is impressive and FAU has made strides in Graduate education. There
was discussion by the board about the discrepancies in funding/support but she stated this the decision of the individual the colleges and departments in terms of dispersement. Additionally the Grad College and programs cost more money financially speaking. Typically a university receives 5 forms of substantial funding, while FAU receives basically 2 – from subsidies and tuition. Currently, FAU receives from federal grants and funds $12 million vs $100 million at other institutions. Additionally FAU is listed last in graduation rate in the state of Florida. There was argument and concern about the data by the board. It was mentioned that FAU’s Graduate stipend is low but all are low. There is need for more grant writers and opportunities for funding are being sought by administration. There will be faculty and staff increases as there are $12 million in unused stimulus funding. There are some opportunities for advancement but there are some areas that are going to be pulled back examples in the branch campuses. There was further discussion by Mike, Carlo and Heather about the graduation rates … is it an issue of matriculation and if they are not completing the degree at FAU are they leaving and going to other universities. It was stated that the numbers are undergraduate rates, while most of the grad programs have a better matriculation.

There was a motion to extend the discussion by 2 minutes from Faith which was seconded by Mike and approved by the board by unanimous verbal vote. Motion to admit all members, Sandy Jakubow and Mya admitted to meeting.

Faith asked why are we not pursuing the other funding means, for example philanthropic, federal, and others (spin off like gator aid)? Additionally, George stated that FAU will the strategic focus of FAU will be 1 on the Medical College, 2 on Engineering and 3 on MPFI and Scripps. There are a number of positives, for example there are the geographical advantages of FAU and the fact that it has 46 percent minority representation. Ramon asked why FAU not considered a minority school which gets preferences in federal funding. Sandy responded that FAU is not classified as a minority serving university unlike Florida International University (FIU). Lastly George concluded by stating the Dean Rosson was recently named Dean of Research.

**CDC Partnership – Amber and Sandy Jakubow**

Amber introduced Sandy. Dan is presenting a workshop. There was discussion about updates on initiatives that CDC and Dan are partnering with GSA. She distributed packets info about the events.

The first event is the Graduate Student Executive Panel Event with the CDC – Nov. 1 from 6-8pm in Senate Chambers followed by reception for networking. There will be representatives from SCRIPPs, FBI and FPL/NEXTera. Sandy discussed the panelists biographical sketches and introduced the companies they are representing and what they are looking for in recruitment.

The next event in November will be the Graduate Workshops on Location which will be held in several colleges and on two of the FAU campuses, the week of November 16th-19th. The outline of the week will be as follows: Tues. 11/16 CV Writing – College of Nursing; Wed. 11/17 Navigating the Academic Job Search – Colleges of Medicine; Thurs. 11/18 Components of the Academic Job Application – Davie (Broward) campus;
Fri. 11/19 Navigating the Non-Academic Job Search. Amber mentioned to get copies of the fliers to the representatives to distribute to their respective colleges.

Committees
Establish and designate a Committee Chair
Heather stated from the Retreat there were a lot of repeat of names on the committee … Thus Heather and Amber both invited the new board members to volunteer and work on committees. George stated that the only committee not needing members is the Owl Awards but feel free to volunteer at the next meeting for setup the day of the event. Motion to extend the time allotted for this agenda item by LaTasha and seconded by Ramon, approved by verbal vote by board.

Travel
Chair: Amber
Members: Amber, Juan and Tasha

Bylaws
Chair: Mya
Members: George, Lousia, Mike, Mya

Research Day
Chair: Juan - pending confirmation (since he is not present)
Members: Carlo, Juan, Mike, Julianne, Rachel

Research Grant
Chair: Tasha
Members: Nikki, amber Tasha, Ramon

Budget
Chair: Mike (FAITH nominated at dir meeting)
Members: Amber, George, Juan, Mike, Mya, Nikki, Louisa, Faith, Noemi
All directors and ADs

Strategic Planning
Chair: Faith
Members: Faith, Mike, Mya, Tasha, Noemi
Heather mentioned that the goal of this committee would be to plan the Retreats and Training

Chair Report - George
He stated that it has been a pleasure working with the GSAAB over the past two and a half years. He has been serving this role for quite some time and he agreed to serve until someone could matriculate into the position as he will be graduating in May. Currently, he is in the process of looking for full time employment and thus could be leaving at any moment and may have leave the board. Thus, he is reminding the board that he was serving as Chair in an interim basis and those interested will be nominated and move on … spoke to Carlo and Mike about the position previously. Carlo stated his position in the College of Nursing is changing and will be moved to full time thus would not be able to take on the role of Chair. George continued in stating that he would like to mentor the new Chair in the time he has left here. But in addition to these
changes he and his will be welcoming a new baby to their family and all the changes are coming and wanted to provide a heads up to the board.

BGC Report – Mya & Louisa
They have been calling themselves GSA Broward so strange to be referred to as BGC. Family Day was provided on the Broward campus, pictures and food. Additionally, GSA provided meditation provided by Louisa’s center. There was a Broward Grad council meeting yesterday. Since the last meeting they have completed 2 videos with Student Affairs, a member of the council is a videographer. One of the videos is a GSA promotional video. In October during the Inauguration festivities there will be a Reception for President Saunders and 4 people from the council will host at a Law Office in Broward. In November Broward will be partnering with Multicultural Affairs to host a Native American Heritage event. There will be a Grad funding workshop on Nov 9th to inspire people to find funding - Tasha will be presenting and has sent packets. There is an invitation to invite others to sit on the panel. There will be representatives from Financial Aid and the Grad College present, in addition to Dr Steve Rios who will inspire students and encourage them to take actions step. One of the Career Development workshops will be held on the Davie campus. During Finals week GSA will be partnering with Broward Student Government, Louisa will be providing mediation. In January there will be several events starting with Orientation on January 8th and a Yard Sale to make money $5 space. There will be an event called “Spread a little Love” in February. Followed by a March Etiquette Workshop and a GSA Broward Mixer in April. Faith mentioned it would be nice to have the videographer to cover their funding workshop too.

BRGC Report – Amber
The GSA will be partnering with the CDC to host “Professional/Graduate School Day” Wednesday, October 27 @10:00am- 2:00pm on Boca Raton Campus and Davie Campuses Sponsored by the Career Development Center (Dan Partouche). Reminder, on Monday, November 15th there will be the 3rd Annual Owl Awards at the Baldwin House 6-8pm. At the end of the semester we will be hosting Grad Bash on Dec 8th. There will also be a Mixer before fall ends. Juan has been working on a Spring Leadership and networking event.

NGC Report – Faith & Noemi
Faith: Hosted and organized last Friday the ACE Grad Leadership Event; it was a very successful event with over 40 participants and speakers. Whole Foods supports FAU and gave delicious food for free. Additionally, Faith and Mya will be attending an Educational Leadership Meeting/Convention and Mya will be presenting. Thanked the board for sponsoring her travel. There will be a Sushi mixer – Amber to post to Facebook. There was a survey monkey distributed by email to identify what Jupiter students need and they received 16 responses 4 from undergrads. There was a raffle associated with the survey. LaTasha asked
if any of the students were dual BS/MS students. Heather stated she doesn’t think that Jupiter has BS/MS students, but Faith stated she was not aware if they were BS/MS or not.

**Noemi:** Stated her strategy for programming on the Treasure Coast campus due to decreased funding will be to collaborate with the programming board on Treasure Coast for events.

**College Reports**

**Rachel McCray, College of Arts and Letters**
- moving to new building on Nov 10th – Living room Theater; there will be classrooms for film students, will host a café with beer and wine; designed to showcase films otherwise shown at film festivals

**Michael Cocuzza, College of Business**
- not much going on
- Hayden to go to Gainsville and State Board of Gov to discuss Enterpreneurship Feeder Incubator program

**Nikki Diggs, College of Design and Public Inquiry**
- will be moving from Ft Lauderdale to Boca at end of next semester
- reinstating the Association of Doctoral Students in Public Administration and establishing strategies for recruitment

**Julianne Agonis, College of Education**
- no new changes
- Mya stated that the COE Research Symposium will be taking place soon and there is a call for proposals due Nov 8th
- large group going to Clearwater for ACE Conference

**George Morales, College of Engineering and Computer Science**
- move out process began this week
- 2 ground breaking ceremonies Nov 4th and 5th
- Engineering Honors Society will have a new “bent” Tau Beta Pi at the new building
- forgot to mention during the UGC report that there are new master’s thesis and dissertation guidelines will be distributed to board and would like some feedback on the 35 page document

**Ramon Garcia-Areas, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine**
- getting ready for accreditation of the new medical college
- Research day has been postponed
- Association of Biological and Biomedical Students (ABBS) will be jumpstarting the club again
- set up something that those who attend conference have live feed or be able to access lectures of interest

**Carlo Parker, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing**
Natural vs Processed … Nutritional processing talk on the 27th to discuss good eating habits
Now offering Yoga classes (open to all) held on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 8 sessions for $40
new doctoral in Nursing program capstone project defense of 1st cohort Nov 6th

LaTasha Lee, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
• There will be a New Max Planck (MPFI) – FAU Neuroscience Graduate Program
• The MPFI-FAU Neuroscience symposium was a success

Open Forum:
Heather reminded the board that Research Day will be held on April 9th, 2011

Important Dates
Next GSAAB meeting November 5th – location TBD
• Graduate Student Association – Open House: Friday October 22 @ 8:30am – 1:30pm
(Confirmed) Student Union, Grand Palm Room cancelled
• Professional/Graduate School Day: Wednesday October 27 @10:00am- 2:00pm on Boca Raton Campus and Davie Campuses  Sponsored by the Career Development Center (Dan Partouche)
• Graduate College Open House will be held on Friday, November 5, 2010. The event will start at 8:30 am in the Live Oak Pavilion.
• 2010 Owl Awards: Monday November 15 @ 6:00pm- 8:00pm at the Baldwin House (Boca Raton)  This is going to be an elegant affair you won’t want to miss!
• CV Writing Workshop: Tuesday November 16
  Co-sponsored with the Career Development Center (Dan Partouche)
• Navigating the Academic Job Search Workshop: Wednesday November 17
  Co-sponsored with the Career Development Center (Dan Partouche)
• Components of the Academic Application Workshop: Thursday November 18
  Co-sponsored with the Career Development Center (Dan Partouche)
• Navigating the Non-Academic Job Search Workshop: Friday November 19
  Co-sponsored with the Career Development Center (Dan Partouche)

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Motion to Adjourn by Amber, seconded by Mike.
Meeting adjourned at 3:09pm