Call to Order: 4:07pm (by George Morales)

Roll Call: (by LaTasha Lee)
Members Present: George Morales, LaTasha Lee, Michael (Mike) Cocuzza, Julianne Agonis, Carlo Parker, Juan Barrenche, Louisa Upadhya, Faith Gordon, Amber Sobel, Katy Morris, Mya Eaton (by phone)
Advisors and Guests Present: Heather Bishara, Nikki Diggs, Rachel McCray
Members Absent: N/A

Approvals

Minutes from July 29th, 2010 GSAAB Meeting motioned and seconded, passed by board with verbal affirmative vote

September 8th, 2010 GSAAB Agenda motioned and seconded, passed by board with verbal affirmative vote

Old Business

Career Development Partnership (Dan Partouche; Amber & Juan)

Graduate Student Executive Panel Event with the CDC – Nov. 1 from 6-8pm
- Dan, Amber & Juan met this week
- Potential conflict with a seminar offered in the College of Business thus suggesting a name change
- will be held Monday in the Student Union rooms

Graduate Career Development Week – Nov. 16th thru 19th
- Schedule buildings & times
  11/16 CV Writing – College of Nursing
  11/17 Navigating the Academic Job Search – Colleges of Medicine
  remaining dates and locations were discussed
- confirmation from 17th Medicine 5:30; contact has been made for the rooms for Business (Mike), Broward (Mya) 18th
- Dan stated Carlo he had not gotten back with him
- Carlo asked questions in regards to room size, we know we want a smart room with video capabilities; Dan stated that in the past the CV section had 10-15 attendees
- Heather asked wouldn’t it be better to have a smaller audience
- Dan yes a 1 to 1 is a great
- 50 person cap
- time after 5 starting at 6 the latest
- CV is the shortest (35-40 min) reserve CV for 1 hr
Carlo will follow up with an email
- All students should feel they have learned something from the workshop

The Job Fair is Sept 16th … graduates, alumni & those wanting to network; professional dress is required, only students and alumni have an alumni, Owl Card, Resume/CV with documentation that you are an FAU attendee

Professional Grad Student Fair -- Dan Oct 27th
- introduction and marketing tool to promote GSA
- same time as Club Fest
- Live Oak Pavillion

GSA Retreat (LaTasha)
This first ever GSA Retreat served as a not only a team building day but also served as a GSA training session. The Manual/Handbook was distributed and we received a lot of feedback on not only programming but also the growth of the organization from University administrators and staff. We will continue this tradition with a mid-year Retreat and/or end-of-year Retreat.

Orientation
Juan stated that the Main Campus Orientation was well attended; in fact only 150 new students attended the Grad Orientation last year, while there were over 350 this year. This orientation was also the 1st year that it was held in the College of Business. The breakout sessions worked pretty well.
Louisa stated that the Broward Orientation also went well and thanked George and Juan for coming and serving on the panel. Additionally, there was great feedback from the event and students loved the panel in addition the professional experiences were welcomed

Committee Reports
Owl Awards (Faith/Juan/LaTasha)
The committee just left a meeting with Deb Brown at the Baldwin House, which is a fabulous venue. This year’s Owl Awards will be Monday, November 15th at the Baldwin House. We will have the FAU Ambassadors man the registration desk
and we will have other volunteers to assist at the event as well. The invitations and save the dates will be distributed soon. And the menu will be the next item of business for the committee. Carlo stated he will also work on the committee, but he missed first meeting due to Faculty orientation. All board members stated they will be in attendance at the event. Our next committee meeting at Baldwin House will be Tuesday October 12th at 10am. Dan asked if all graduate students would be in attendance and since this is the date before the Career workshops would it be possible to promote at the event the week of CDC events. Faith will be working on the script for the awards ceremony with Deb Brown.

Motion to admit all members: Karen Esteves entered.

New Business

Student Leadership Conference – September 11th (Amber & Juan)
This event will be on Saturday from 9am-3pm. Dan commented that he is serving on the organization committee for this conference and that if we are governed by Club Funds attendance is mandatory and that there will be a freeze on funds for organizations not in compliance. There is a $20 reservation fee which is refundable. There was discussion about GSA’s requirement to attend since we are under Student Government. We will contact Michelle Perkins to confirm whether we have to attend. Heather stated it is Not required … because this is not the required SG training which will occur later in the semester. Mike asked what transpires at the conference. Discussion about the event outlined that faculty and staff speak on leadership; The Dipper a national speaker will be the keynote, in addition volunteers needed for the event. Mya stated she will be in attendance.

Bylaws/Constitution (George/Louisa/Mya)

George stated that at a recent Directors and Associate Directors meeting the need to formalize our roles as GSA and GSAAB was determined. So the Chair will meet with Directors and Associate Directors along with Vice-Chair to address concerns to help streamline our meetings. In addition the Bylaws and Constitution Committee established at the Retreat will be taking a look at the 1100s and explore what we can effect in terms of the constitution. However, it must be noted that we have no input on the 200s. There are a number of issues up for discussion one of the main concerns were Salary for increases or implementation for the Directors & Associate Directors in addition to the Chair, respectively. Louisa stated that during the Retreat Dr. King stated that Graduate Assistants were being paid $15-17/hr to conduct clerical work. As GSA has more strenuous responsibilities and should be compensated. In addition issue regarding naming arose regarding the campuses and George stated that the councils are the GSA of the representative campuses. Thus we need to clarify the 1100s by renaming them GSA Northern, GSA Boca, GSA Broward so that it is clear that they are different franchises of GSA. Once those revisions have been proposed they will come before the board as votes for amendments to the Statutes.
Budget Review Committee  (George)

From the Directors meeting questions arose about managing the budget. Historically, Boca has funded the university wide events and thus the funds have come out of the 103 Account. In terms of further allocation of the funds to the councils and promotional items they were split by campus population which has greatly affected the Northern & Southern campuses, but is important to note that Boca also experienced a reduction due to cuts in programming to the budget. George acknowledged that last year was more gracious due to rounding up for the split, while this year used the exact count. However as Mya and Louisa noted there is nothing specified in 1100s and the 200s that dictate the governing of finances for GSA. Furthermore it was suggested that we have more than one than 1 director assist on University wide events. A proposal is being drafted that will allocate extra or emergency funds if the need arises, and how the budget will be allocated in the future will be discussed by the committee. George called for volunteers for the Budget Review Committee and Mike, Mya, Amber, Juan, George all volunteered.

There was further discussion about the promotional Items. Juan stated Boca has not ordered any items for this academic year, as there was still a question about the Broward items and if they could be allocated to the other campuses since the accounts had not been allocated funds when ordered. Juan directed the question to the Broward council regarding the promo items in regard to the cost of the ordered items. Mya stated that all the items state Broward Graduate council … so how is it fair for GSA to pay for it? The cost is still unknown because still waiting on Shannon to provide the invoices. Karen interjected that they were ordered last year but hit the budget this year … there was a hold up in delivery of the product. Heather stated we should have canceled the order or should talk to Shannon about why it wasn’t paid out of the budget last year. Faith stated in moving forward we should have all items labeled GSA this would provide uniformity to the organization as there is no need for separation. Carlo supports that notion. Julianne stated that separation is not needed … no need for redundancy. Mike also agreed. Dan provided input about the Career Development Center stating that they have a centralized website and referred to as the CDC on all the campuses. Juan replied that that it is imperative that we do that so that when you run out they can be distributed without concern. Faith asked what campus names are we using … Northern MacArthur Jupiter or Treasure Coast. Heather reminded us that in our 1100s we are still referred to as our separate councils. The discussion went over time as was concluded by George mentioning that this would be taken up at the Directors meeting and by the Bylaw Committee.

ClubFest/Professional Graduate School Day  (Amber/Juan)

The event will take place Wed., October 27th 10am – 2pm in Live Oak Pavilion. We will be providing a Volunteer/sign-up sheet. In addition there are 55 spots for organizations, colleges, and clubs split between Boca and Davie. Louisa and Mya stated they are considering having a booth on the southern campus. Additionally it was suggested that on the application that they check student organization category so that fees for participation are waved (?).
GSA Facebook Group (Amber)
Katie Burke former Boca Director made Amber an Administrator for the Facebook group and she has begun to manage and update the group. Recently she has added the Grad Student Executive Panel Event and Dan has even posted pictures. In addition she has added the Student Leadership Conference. Amber encouraged us to reach out to friends classmates to join the group and additionally email Amber if you would like things added to the group.

Katy had to leave for another obligation the board acknowledged her involvement with GSA and told her she would be missed.

GSAAB College Prospective Representatives  

College of Arts and Letters  
Rachel McCray  
She was introduced to the board and asked to briefly introduce herself she stated that she recently moved from UNF-Jacksonville and wants to get to involved. Questions were opened up to the board  
Julianne – When can you start?  
Mike – What are you studying  
She is a Communications major and her undergraduate degree was in advertising.  
Why FAU? She stated it reminded her of UNF  
Furthermore she stated that she found out about GSA at Orientation  
Julianne – stated she went to UNF

Kersti Myles  
was unable to make it to the meeting but her questionnaire was briefly read to the board

College of Design and Public Inquiry  
Schniqua Nicole “Nikki” Diggs  
She was introduced to the board and asked to briefly introduce herself she told us how she was introduced to FAU by a professor (FAU Alum) at her previous institution. She told us about her past studies and what she hopes to accomplish with her degree and here at FAU. Furthermore she was impressed by the organization at the Orientation event. And would like to serve on the board and represent her College especially since her past school did not have an organization like GSA. A couple questions came from the board.

Philip Mazzeo  
was unable to make it to the meeting but his questionnaire was briefly read to the board

Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine  
Ramon Garcia-Areas  
JoAnn Simone Roberts
Both applicants were unable to attend the meeting and their questionnaires were briefly read to the board.

A call for a vote was proposed by George. Ballots were distributed with corrections due to placement of individuals in the wrong college.

Based on ballots tallied by LaTasha the following were elected to the Advisory Board:

Rachel McCray – College of Arts and Letters GSAAB Representative
Nikki Diggs – College of Design and Public Inquiry GSAAB Representative
Ramon Garcia- Areas – College of Medicine GSAAB Representative

The newly elected representatives were welcomed and asked to stop by the GSA office for the GSAAB Handbook and a brief training, relevant to Travel Votes, etc.

Chair Report - George
UGC/UGPC Masters Student Representative (George)
University Graduate Council
Graduate Programming Council
The committees are descendents of the University Faculty Senate.
George stated that we need representation by a masters student … Mike volunteered.
UGC is a due process committee, dismiss students for academic dishonesty, and other concerns
Meeting – next meeting in October (meeting with Dr. Saunders) 1st or 2nd week.
UGC has focused on split attention of academic and role in graduate education
At this upcoming meeting George has been asked to survey the graduate student population and see where have their needs been met and were are there gaps. He stated that the GSAAB Representatives need to assess this within their respective colleges. Some of the issues raised were discrepancies in funding for TAs and RAs, guaranteed support, but we need to see if there are other issues / feedback from students.
Heather replied that we could conduct a university wide survey for graduate students, by setting up an online survey; great to utilize Rep but have a centralized pool of comments as well. Carlo suggested using Survey Monkey. Heather further advised working on a ballot or survey. Mike’s comment was that can we get all the graduate emails and have it come from a College Reps so we should draw up email and have them disseminate it. George replied that we all know the pulse of our college, suggesting that we open up dialogue and come talk to me about issues. In response Carlo interjected that often students skim and delete email blasts … if use Reps feedback will be great. Heather further suggested the use of a Focus group as a great way to get qualitative issues. Carlo agreed and stated that the representatives should elicit data or questions to the survey and ask for participation to a focus group. LaTasha suggested the survey template from NAGPS as an option. George concluded stating we need data to send to UGC; deans and
representatives … thus each college needs to submit questions and feedback due at the end of September.

**BGC Report - Mya**

GSA Broward Campuses Report
Completed events:
July 30 – Student Appreciation - SeaTech Lunch
Aug 3 and Aug 5 – Photoshop workshops with Karen
Aug. 14 – Graduate Student Orientation in the AM (College of Design & Social Inquiry)
Aug. 16 - BGC Executive Council Meeting @ 5:15 in HEC 507
Aug 19 – Grad. Student Orientation – Davie campus – Heritage Hall – 4:30 – 7:00pm
Aug 21 – Movie – “Eat, Pray, Love” – followed by discussion at TGI Fridays in Hollywood Week of
Aug. 23 – Weeks of Welcome (3 locations)
BGC Executive Council
• August 16 (meeting)
• 50 student expressed interest during Orientation & WOW
Sept 2 - GSA Directors meeting

Upcoming events:
Sept. 11 – Student Leadership Conference
Sept. 14 & 15 – County Commission Budget Hearings (Broward County Libraries)
Sept. 15 – GSA Broward Exec. Planning Meeting (5 pm in FTL, HEC 507)
Sept 22 – BSG/BGC student forum
Sept. 25 – Family day (booth)
Oct 27 – FAU Professional/Graduate Student Information Day
Nov 18 - Graduate Career Development workshop (Broward)
Nov – Graduate School alternative Funding workshop
Dec – Yard sale: “Do your spring cleaning early & earn some extra holiday ca$h”
TBA – Mediation Workshop

**BRGC Report - Juan**

Orientation was successful and received a lot of interest from students about GSA and GSAAB.

Upcoming events are the Owl Awards Nov 15th 6-8pm … Save the dates have been drafted, food order, committee had a meeting today with Debbie at the Baldwin House

**NGC Report - Faith**

Needs assessment went out the grad students (Survey Monkey) on Northern Campuses
Adult Community Education event will be coming up.
Additionally may have recruited someone for Treasure Coast … from Romania

CPR event will be held Sept 21st

Local Program – Joanne Martin (CDC Ass. Dir)

**College Reports**

**Michael Cocuzza, College of Business**
- Executive forum Thursday night open to all … CEOs, CFOs, at 5-7 Office Depot Center
- September 20th fundraiser … golf tournament $100 includes food, golf at Boca Lago
- Jan 28th award for Business Leader of the Year to Mike Jackson CEO of Auto Nation
- University leadership have talked to Tallahassee leadership about starting an incubator for students interested in starting their own business that will have funding
  - ImageGenuis .com Mike and the Engineers he is working with will be one of the first companies in the incubator
- This will be marriage between business and engineering

**Julianne Agonis , College of Education**
- once a month a doctoral council meeting about concerns of the College of Education
- She stated at the last meeting that she reported that though the College is a large percentage of the grad population that they have not been as active in applying for GSA Travel
- received a lot of interest in pursuing GSA Travel and should be seeing a lot more applications from Education
- Regarding the surveys for UGS she stated that she can easily access CoE because she currently actively teaching a class and TAing 2 others
- Also reported much chaos lately in the College but she will air on the side of caution in discussing them publically but most are due to complications with Plan of Study and other issues with Grad College, faculty delays in response
- She stated she will contribute to UGC survey

**George Morales, College of Engineering and Computer Science**
- moving into new building in Oct
- tours next week Wednesday afternoon email will be sent
- only Platinum level Green Building
- grad students loosing offices and moving into a open secure lab space

**Carlo Parker, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing**
- working to establish a sub representative for the separate programs of the CoN
- Oct 8-10 Rosarian Scholars Meeting … energy flows

**LaTasha Lee, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science**
- announced the Max Planck Neuroscience symposium to be held September 28 & 29, 2010 in the FAU Senate Chambers, Student Union (SU-31). It will feature neuroscience experts from Florida Atlantic University, Max Planck Florida Institute, The Max Planck Society, as well as speakers from local research institutes and other universities located throughout the United States. The symposium will highlight challenges, latest findings and advances to address some of the most complex issues at the forefront of today’s neuroscience research.

- FAU Experts on the Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico

- Turtle: The Incredible Journey 
  Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010 
  6:30pm 
  Crest Theatre – Old School House Square - Delray Beach

- The Mathematical Sciences Department will host several conferences throughout the year. The upcoming conference! **Thirteenth Information Security Conference**, Boca Raton, FL  October 25 - 28, 2010

**VACANT, College of Arts and Letters**

- Tasha reported on the Living Room Theater

Another exciting new multi-functional facility that will soon open is the Culture and Society Building in the **Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters**. This unique addition to our skyline will make FAU the only university in the country to have a completely digital, four-screen motion picture theater complex available for both educational and entertainment uses.

Operated by a company called Living Room Theaters, whose donation of $1.5 million made its construction possible, the theater complex will present first-run independent, art and foreign films in a 100 percent digital format.

**VACANT, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine**

**VACANT, College of Design and Public Inquiry**

Meeting adjourned at 5:48pm