Open: 4:12 p.m.

Roll Call

George Morales, Katie Burke, Latasha, Kristin, Katy Morris, Mya Eaton, Ashley Pinette, Lisa Marie, Juan

Approvals

✓ Motion to Approve February 12, 2010, Agenda with correction to open forum Latasha/ Second Katie B// Approved
✓ Motion to Approve January 11 2010, Minutes Katie Burke/ Second Katy M// Approved

Open Forum

Old Business

New Business

Career Fair

(George M) In Engineering: Recent Career Fair subpar, even in terms of how it compared to last semester. 1) With the caliber of companies that were there 2) Quantity of Engineering Companies that were there. Only eleven engineering companies there out of 80 some companies that were there for the job fair of which I eliminated four branches of the military – only counted eleven for Engineering, didn’t know if other departments were really noticing that they weren’t being well represented for the Career Fair. Engineering department not feel they were well represented. In the past mentioned a separate technical day, Engineering/Science Day would have been better. I don’t know how everybody else is seeing it or is it just a Engineering problem?

Mya: I know that the etiquette dinner they normally have on the Broward campus has a Career element to it – and last year it was pretty much a bomb, because people aren’t getting jobs. It was hard for Career people to find employers, so I don’t know if that is going on or just in general if the economy, if people just aren’t hiring?

Kristin: That was put on by the Career Development Center? Do they ask the graduate students? Is there any way you can get representation on it? My observations are that a lot of the workshops with Career Development Center, they are going, but it’s really geared towards the undergraduate population as well. My recommendation would be see if GSA could have time for some future planning.
If someone has the time to be a future liaison with Career Development center. Something I could probably look into with you guys as well.

Latasha: I didn’t go and I don’t know if anyone in my department – department gets invited twice within a one week time frame to recruit. So the fact that they weren’t represented – weren’t contacted in the right manner.

George: List of the polls that came out which we can get into a little later on in the GPC Report. The real problem is Biomedical Program, Bio Tech, Bio Cluster up north, weren’t Bio Cluster jobs at all at the Career Fair and we wondered what was going on. We have our own Engineering Career Development Services – they had their own Tech Day and Engineering Students said it was great that we had our own Tech Day. Career Development center said it wasn’t really well received. Really care about opportunities for the graduate students and if the students can’t go to Career Fair and find that it isn’t even really worth their time to go – then what is that really showing as far as a commitment at FAU?

Katie B: Just because of our past partnership with Career Development Centers, done of a lot of events with them. But this isn’t the first time it’s being brought up, George and I have touched base with past Career Fairs and have been equally disheartening and it’s been brought to my attention a couple of times that with events like these that perhaps it’s possible with the liaison situation, even inviting them to sit on the Advisory Board with us, because we are very very active with them (Grad College) that perhaps it would be the time to do it now. Maybe George and I, or whomever and present, tell them we have monthly meetings. Tell them you might want to come to the meetings, and we can be one on one with you.

George: Think that’s a great idea, so at least they know the perceived problem.

Katie B: Possibly you and I or Juan and I should stop by and see their initial reactions and get feedback from them. We’ve done three events with them. They should be up to the challenge. That way maybe a month before the planning process, each of the representatives from the College can submit, a top five company board feeder, or a top five to contact, something like that.

Juan: I definitely think that would address the situation too, get more voice for Grad Students.

GSAAB Travel Grant Approval Travel Committee:

Juan: I wanted to tell about some new travel requests voting procedures. I was seeing how we had seventeen responses and seventeen threads in voting and I think this is just going to make voting a lot easier so I made a Google Doc with gmail. Will email out. Basically, sheet one, on the Excel spreadsheet, the bulk 2009 so you can see everyone that has been voted on, what’s been approved, how much is left in the budget. And sheet two, we are currently on, Spring 2010. At the bottom you will see how much budget we have left, how much has been approved so far in the semester and everything’s going to be the same, the emails are going to be sent out, same attachments, paperwork. But the only difference is we’re not going to have seventeen replies under one thread and not only that, you’re also going to be
able to see-you know, real time how the budget affected and how much is being approved. And it’s all going to be right there in front of you so I think that will help all of us too.

Katie B: And we’ll be updating that too, some of these approved that Juan put on there haven’t even gone through the university travel committee yet. If those don’t get approved, we’ll go straight away and fix the numbers, so everybody’s on the same page.

George: The money will go back into the account.

Juan: It’s also a good way for you guys to see the budget and see everything in front of you too.

Latasha: While we are on travel, I would like to bring up something. I don’t know if anyone caught the last travel approval student, one student was actually not presenting novel research at the conference, she was just attending and I think we should keep that in consideration for any other travel request that we do in the future, because if we are going to set a precedent of letting people who are not actually presenting their own research at the conference, just to be attending the conference, that’s bad precedent for a number of people that are applying just to go.

Katie B: I completely agree with Latasha, it’s something to look into but on the other hand we have to keep in mind, not all these Colleges that we are supposed to be representing are research based. Business for example, how many conferences did they have you go and present your research? I have a travel request that will probably go out to day, but it is a business travel request. She is going to build her networking, to build her career. Business the main thing is networking for the most part, not really doing research. We have to keep that in mind too. Obviously if it’s a Science one maybe that Latasha’s talking about or Engineering where you’re just going to support your buddy that’s presenting, that’s different.

Latasha: So should we have a separate rule, for the non Science based, or for the Science based?

Mia: Well I think that if we look at it by a case by case basis. First of all we know that there are a lots of other people going to the Research Conferences, which include networking even if you’re not in a Business based field. But also her circumstances were kind of special in that this was her first time, she really wanted to be able to get to know it, her professor thought this was a good opportunity, and her area of interest was being presented at that time. And also subsequent conferences were looking to be presented out of the country. So I feel like her particular situation kind of merited consideration and if we make a blanket rule that would kind of cut people like her out of the loop.

George: Another thing with that in mind other than networking, or just experiencing it. What about those that are attending workshops? At these conferences, every conference I’ve gone to they have a series of workshops. And I know an individual graduate student that’s teaching a fuel cells course here and is applying to go on a conference in June. He’s not presenting any research, but his advisor, who happens to be the Associate Dean of the Department, wants him to go for the workshop to learn about the technology and what’s being done.
 [... I noticed a lot of people kind of questioned – Should I apply? Am I going to be funded? Because my paperwork was accepted, should I make the commitment and pay for the registration now to go present my work. Or what should I do? When will I know? You might not know for two or three weeks, whether or not you’ve been accepted, but if your paper’s been accepted you have to pay and act as if you’re going.

Latasha: But at least have a print out of what’s actually being covered, we’re taking her word that all this stuff is.

Mya: Then you’re talking about documentation.

George: Well she wouldn’t get reimbursed anyway unless she gave a copy of her conference registration fee. But yeah, we definitely want to make sure people just aren’t going to a conference in Hawaii in January to “learn something.”

Katie B: I just had concerns from the GSA office, a Business student, said I’m not going on a seven day trip to twiddle my thumbs, I’m going to attend workshops, attend seminars, I have to do a twenty-five page thesis afterward that I want to present to you guys for your support. Nervous not going to get funded, everything else is research patent based. Just wanted to make sure I was alleviating her stress by then coming back to all of you and then making sure we were all on the same page.

Juan: It really does have to be case by case basis and you have to read every case because in the Business field you aren’t going to have a go present your research situation. It’s unique.

Kristine: Do you have in your guidelines that you reserve the right to request additional documentation. I think you’ve got yourself covered there. I want to talk about this a little bit more because the university is beginning to stress responsible conduct of research, but one key element of responsible conduct of research is collaboration and that totally fits in with collaborative Science etc, and that can be a lot of things not just collaborating on a lab. In fact the faculty that will be leading that part of the workshop is from the College of Business. I don’t know that you would want to make these guidelines too stringent and really harm. It’s a judgment call, and it sounds like you guys are all thinking along those lines.

Katy M: For Arts and Letters I know the networking and communicating and to be able to socialize within your different fields at the conference, are good opportunities. The person who wants to go to network, that’s a valuable contact and relationship for opportunity.

Katie B: Keep in mind everyone we don’t have a Business Rep right now on the Board so any Business requests we need to try and stay representative, University wide.

Mya: As a Education major we do have research in our field, I wouldn’t want to exclude the research based programs from being able to go, even if it’s not only for presenting research.

Katie B: Absolutely, I don’t think we can make a blanket statement like that.
Research Committee Report:

We have had a very busy day, accepting double what we’ve had in Research, with abstract submissions. We now have a total, which mind you we were only hoping for twenty-five and I was a little nervous a week ago that we were going to meet that, in the past week and a half we have close to a hundred abstracts that have been submitted. And we are all thrilled. It’s pretty awesome, it’s an inaugural event, University–wide and everybody’s really getting into it – kudos. Our next meeting is Monday at 3:00 p.m. in Admin 246 if anyone is interested in attending. We will be going over these abstracts and figuring out a course of action. We have the facility reserved for April 9th the program starts at 10:00 and goes until 3:00.

Mya: The Student Advisory Council for the College of Education has been putting on a Research Symposium for the past several years. We planned to have it in the fall. I don’t know if anyone contacted you about perhaps working together (Lacy), how we can support you. If there is anything we can do to support you in that, let us know.

Katie B: I brought it up to the committee because originally she approached us and wanted to partner up and we were kind of worried about that, because this is our first time doing it and we wanted to really keep it discipline wide and not focus on Education. We were thinking maybe we would just encourage our Education participants to apply to yours and have your participants to apply to ours and vice versa.

Mya: I guess the conversation has moved since then. If there is anything that you need some support, contact Lacy or let me know what it is they can do, if not we can just take it off our table, if GSA doesn’t need help. [...] Also the President, will email you her information.

College Graduate Report:

Building on research, we will be presenting workshops on Responsible Conduct of Research this semester. Many university’s require participation and a course on a responsible conduct of research, lot of key elements. FAU’s been handling it through online city training and we will continue to do that but there have been recent changes by the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health requiring grants that are funded by those agencies to have ongoing education in place for responsible conduct of research. So we are trying to get a little bit ahead of the game and we have a group of FAU faculty and a couple staff members that will be presenting on these topics. There’s nine key elements of responsible conduct of research, it’s on our website now if you to go – undergraduate college under current students- link to RCR. So we’ve taken the nine topics and we’ve consolidated them into four workshop, for the time being they are volunteer, but I would encourage you guys to start coming to these, especially students involved with research. Because it’s coming down the road where it will be mandatory for graduate students (thesis/ dissertation) to complete RCR training, through city and ongoing workshops. The first one will be two weeks from Monday, it’s on research animals and humans, the care and keeping of those two populations. The other three workshops will be later in
March, April with the final two. I’ll have all this on the website probably the coming week. There’s been information on the Graduate College tab on My FAU and are you familiar with the Graduate College tab? Information on the workshops on there, different information about guidelines, we try to keep that content current. Students should get used to checking that for information. Should be on by next week, the policy for fulltime enrollment status for students will be on that too. [...] Offering workshops twice a day, offering them in the morning and 5:30-7:30 time frame for students. Something that will be offered on a semester basis.

College Representative Report’s

**College of Engineering and Computer Science:** George: Next week, is Engineering week – Monday at 11:00 free lunch in Old Engineering Building. Astronaut Steve Swanson, an FAU alumni will be here Friday, the recent shuttle lunch was delayed and he’s doing ground control so he has had to stay a little bit longer so he will be here Friday, it is at 10:00 a.m. in the morning and going to be in the University Theatre I believe will be the talk and he will also present the FAU flag that he flew out in his last mission into space, he flew it out into space. Next week there will also be a book sale, donation that is going on, a lot of math and engineering types of books there, Biomed Engineering books, there are also a lot of other activities, games, prizes, GSA if we could get a table there? Also, all of next week, if you are interested you can contact Trudy Jefferes, in the Engineering Dept, they are putting on free tours of the New Platinum Leeds Green Building, they only take groups of 25 at a time so you have to RSVP and of course rules of the construction site: no open toed shoes, no mini-skirts.

**College of Arts and Letters:** Katy

School of Communication and Multimedia Studies (lectures)- Hon. Dr. Gerald Sim, “Whoa, What Does Keanu Reeves Have to Say About Post-Racialism, Friday, February 19, 1:00 p.m. (GCS 229B). Hon. Dr. William Trapani, “Sizing-Up Native America: Memory, Museum Practice and Rhetorics of Magnitude, Friday, March 26, 1:00 PM (GS 229B). Hon. Dr. Fred Fejes, “How Florida Became Florida!! The Media Pre-History of the Sunshine State” Friday, April 23, 1:00 (GCS 229B)- more info contact Chris Robe (crobe@fau.edu) Department of Visual Arts and Art History - In the University Galleries – Rick Valicenti + 21st Century (show) Peace Studies Program- Sponsoring Events Leading up to Visit by His Holiness the Dalai Lama of Tibet (Feb 24th, 10:00 am), check out site [www.fau.edu/peaceweek/who.php](http://www.fau.edu/peaceweek/who.php).

2009/10 Inaugural Literary Authors Series & 2010 Lawrence A. Sanders Writer-in-Residence “Blue Has No South” *A Meteorologist in the Promised Land* by Becka McKay – Thursday, April 22, 7 p.m. (Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center)- Writer-in-Residence; Forrest Gander, Thursday April 1, 7 p.m. Public Lecture

**College of Science:** Latasha

College of Science has been invited in the past two weeks, for a talk with a guest workshop on Neural-Imaging, the Noble Laureate Bert Backman’s lab who hosted it and it was an all day event this past
Friday up on the Jupiter campus, they gave us a tour of the FAU building they are currently occupying and then that following Monday, SCRIPPS with Dr. Ron Davis lab, who is also a neural lab, invited College of Science up for a neural based workshop and it was two talks based on Sleep. It was very interesting, and including what actually goes on when we sleep. So much is unknown about why we sleep, how we sleep, and what takes place when we sleep. They are also up on the Jupiter campus. The last thing – not necessarily related to FAU, however they are trying to build a partnership – Port Saint Lucy/ close with the Torrie Pines Founders – trying to get people to come up there and do internship which are paid and they do house, so if you know anyone in the Sciences they have their internship application available online and they were opening to get local, because they really want to build a relationship with the FAU community and Torrie Pines.

**College of Biomedical Science: Ashley**

New Ph.D teacher in the Masters Program, Paul worked with the University of Miami teaching. FAU should host a new Medical school in 2011- UM is ending with SCRIPPS. (George Morales) They are offering the M.D./Ph.D program in collaboration with other local hospitals in the area, and FAU stands to have a partnership also where the Ph.D aspect comes from SCRIPPS. So SCRIPPS handles the Ph.D aspect and FAU would handle the MD aspect. A detailed visibility study is available here and on the web.

**College of Nursing Lisa Marie**

One of the FAU College of Nursing, Ph.D students went to Haiti, shortly after the earthquake and helped the survivors of the earthquake. We also have another Ph.D student that has been a long time trauma nurse just won Emergency Nurse Educator of the Year from the Emergency Nurse Association, which was quite an accomplishment. On March 5th we have a fundraiser event planned, the event is for the Memory and Wellness Center (outlaying building but part of College of Nursing that provides extensive testing and services for people who have continued range of memory disorders) - event is March 5th at 6:30 at the Baldwin House, formal event “Return to Glamour” it is $150 a ticket. In April 15th/16th well known nurse scholar coming to the university her name is Madeleine M. Leininger’s and she is a founder of trans-cultural nursing, she actually has her Ph.D in anthropology because they didn’t offer doctoral degrees in nursing. She really paved the way for “cultural competence” in nursing. She is bringing some of her primary work to dedicate, and to spend time with the students and to give a lecture. – That is happening April 15th & 16th.

**Broward Graduate College Report : Mya Eaton**

I just started working a few weeks ago, and I am excited to be here. I am putting on a Avatar discussion group and viewing, so we are watching Avatar in 3-D at the Imax theater, and there is a discussion group following it. It is going to be on Saturday, February 20th there are fifteen slots and I am taking a fifteen dollar registration, check which will be returned at the end of the discussion. The movie starts at 3:30 p.m. the discussion goes from 6:00, 6:15 at the end of the movie, until 7:00 p.m. It’s free (essentially). The small discussion afterwards will be facilitated by Dr. Patricia Dara, will have social, political themes related to it. Please spread the word.
 [...] Dream work scheduled for **Friday March 6**th and that’s with Dr. Phyllis Baker, she is from FIU – Miami Dade – workshops around the country. Broken down into different excerpts, this one looks at how your dreams are valuable and what they are made for and how they can be used to enhance your daily life. Will be at the Davie campus.

Also met with Gregory Gale last week to coordinate Graduate orientation on the Davie campus, have pin down three dates for the Spring, Summer. Fall (January) For the Summer it will be **Wednesday, May 12**th, asking the **GSA forum** to come. And then the following **Thursday August 19**th and another one for January something.

**Boca Raton Graduate Council Report:**

Obviously everyone has met Juan, he is doing amazingly well in the first week, very excited to have him on board. Mya we met today too, so we almost have a full hired council members, just looking for one more for the northern campus, and Mia needs an Associate Director, other than that almost have full representation. Looking to fill Business spot and Juan has people in mind for that.

The main priority right now is Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner Casino Night, which is a week from today from 6-8 p.m. at the Alumni Center. Coach Schonberger will be the guest of honor, and will address the crowd and reference the new stadium and will hopefully get everyone really really excited. Attendance has flown for this we have 120 grad students and up to 50 from Alumni, and I still have about 30 more spots for Grad Student so spread the word, the deadline is Monday for that. What we do need your assistance with, looking for donations for the raffle. This year have concert tickets, a couple of things coming from Athletics, and maybe Panthers tickets, but that’s about it for right now. If anyone has any suggestions or connections in the community please refer to Katie B or Juan. Really need a donation. [...] Would recognize sponsors on website. If board maybe wants to meet there at 5:45.

Other upcoming event is **February 21**st, still try to attend and support the Peace Studies Program – Seven Years in Tibet

- Motion to adjourn Katie B/ Second Latasha/ Adjourned 5:05 p.m.

**Close:** 5:05 p.m.