Student Government
Graduate Student Association Advisory Board
Silver Palm Room // Boca Raton Student Union

Minutes for Wednesday, Oct 7, 2009
4:30 pm

Call to Order- 3:34 p.m.

Roll Call
George Morales, Katie Burke, Juan, Kristine Killip, Tasha Lee, Ashley Pinette, Faith Gordon, Janet Yuen, Ashley Hendricks, Lisa Marie Wands (skype), Richard Tommer (call)
Absent- Alvaro Gonzalez-Rubio, Kim-Le Arvary, Evana Tamayo
Admitted Late- Katy Morris, Heather Bishara

Approvals
23 September 2009 Minutes

Open Forum

- Kristine—Announcement Forum on Graduate College website
  --Workshops/Registration to be available online soon
  ✓ Motion to admit all members Katie//Second Tasha// Passed

Old Business

- Travel Committee Report
  o Travel ban is lifted for graduate students
  o Travel Committee: George Morales and Katie Burke to sit on University Travel Committee (2 votes out of 7 on the board)
  ✓ Motion to admit all members Tasha// Second George// Passed
  o One university policy for entire university
  o (Heather) Examine factors that might keep someone from traveling
    ▪ Too much for grant etc
  o Obviously limit travel expenses
  o (Tasha) Most other schools do provide the rider and also require by their home department
  o Draft policy 500 dollar tap/per year
    ▪ Undergrad max per academic year
- GSA- no bearing on university policy
- Difference between travel and research policy
- Graduate Students for instate travel have a max of 200 dollar per person for academic year
- 500 dollar cap per international travel per year. Max allotment for domestic travel not to exceed 500 dollars annually
- Change university guidelines to try to exceed university guidelines towards graduate student travel.
- (Katie) GSA can afford 10,000 dollars. Will be available through GSA funding. If a college or department decides to contribute money in addition to, that’s something they would deal with on their end. They can apply to graduate travel that’s sponsored by the GSA.
- Pot is only for graduate travel. Contribute 10,000 towards travel policy but not undergraduate travel or any other type of travel.
- An undergrad student that is applying for a travel grant, their respective college or student government etc. Whatever pot they have for travel will come out of that.
- (George) 10,000 available through GSA funding, if a college or department decides to contribute money in addition to that, then that is something they deal with on their end. They can apply to graduate travel that’s sponsored by the GSA.
- (Lisa Marie) If it is sponsored by the GSA then why are other people making decisions about money, if the person can get that money or not?
- (Heather) Point is to provide one travel committee for students; too many travel committees in the past were involved with this process. Membership on this committee- has diversity from the other campuses.
- Documentation: Outline how much it (travel) costs/ how much is available (general committee aspect)

✓ Motion to put Rider (Cap) on GSA Travel Expense  (Faith Gordon)
- (Ashley H) If the travel budgeting is first come first serve than what is the committee looking for in terms of need based?
- (Heather) Travel Committee has not had their first meeting, cannot advise on GSA money (CAP) at this moment, not enough information.
- (George) How budget or anything else is going to be handled or paid for has not been addressed
- (Heather) Process/ Way it is going to go down/ Application (is documentation in order etc)

✓ Motion to table Budget Allocation for Graduate Travel until the Travel Committee can meet with the Rule Board or has more information to present to this committee. (Lisa Marie) //Majority Passed (count 5 for tabling issue out of 7 voting members)
New Business

- GSAAB Meeting Schedule
  - Although inconvenient for some, the meeting schedule **will remain the same**. Next semester schedules will change will re-evaluate then.

- Research Committee Report
  - Live Oak Pavilion/Grand Palm Room – University wide Research Day **April 9th, 2010**
  - Next committee meeting **Friday, Oct 16th 2009**

- Graduate College Report
  - Thesis/ Dissertation - Not an editing service, there are other groups on campus that can do that.
  - 20 minute total review of manuscript per student.

- UGC Report

- College Representative Report
  - **College of Engineering and Computer Science**: Minor changes and additions happening in the department
  - **College of Arts and Letters**: Event brochures passed out
  - **College of Business**: previous event
  - **College of Biomedical Science**: Designing logo for publicity
  - **College of Science**: Fundraising event at pub. Also, Research Day coming up; guest speaker Dr. Ron Brown, **Oct 27, 2009**, he will be at **4:00 pm** in Biomed, - great opportunity.
  - **College of Architecture Urban & Public Affairs**: School planning on **Oct 24, 2009** in conjuncture w/ Broward Planning Association. 20th anniversary of School of Urban & Public Affairs- reserved the Ft Lauderdale Art Museum for **November 4th, 2009**, there will be a party and guest speakers. Once a month bring in a internet scholar in the field of Planning and Road management will be held on **October 21, 2009** in the 11th floor of the Agency tower. Architecture project for Broward county –trying to uncover the best possible methods of applying development in parkland in areas from Palm Beach to Broward. Ethics seminar **November 6th** in Palm Beach, also Career Day **November 7th** at the 2nd Avenue studios. **November 9th** from **5-7 pm** student projects in conjunction with World Planning Day.
  - **College of Nursing**: Conference this weekend. Focus on Margaret Rodgers – her work is all about the exchange of energy.

- BRGC Report
  - Grant Writing Workshop: Have footage but would appreciate better participation in future
  - Pub Fundraiser: Irish pub in Delray off of Federal and Linton. Fundraising event where you basically man the bar. Prefer event to be in middle of week. Excited to work with GSA – good venue for potential fundraising events. Prefer increments
of three hour blocks. Good way to spread word for travel, get the community out etc. Also they like you to pick a theme, so if anybody has any ideas. Maybe a tribute event w/ Michael Jackson theme.

- Professional/Graduate School Information Day: **10/14 (11:00 am- 3:00 pm)**
  - Volunteer please email gsa@fau.edu

- GSA/CDC Graduate Executive Panel Event: **10/20 (6 pm-8pm)** Partnering with Career Development Center. Basically networking/ Q&A event. Speakers from SCRIPS, FBI and FPL.

- Owl Awards: Are going well, next meeting **Oct 21** (Tues) **10:00 am** at Baldwin House. Nominations for the best TA but no nominations for the other four awards.

- Grad Bash: **12/ 4 (7-9 pm)** Will be a graduation celebration at the Alumni Center with Student Government.

- FAU Teaching & Technology Showcase: **Oct 24** (9 am- 1 pm)

- Budget for GSA – budget committee (?) maybe get together an hour before the meeting on **Oct 21** at GSAAB office –develop concrete clarification, budgets are due **November 15th**

- **NGC Report**
  - Distributed surveys to all graduate students in North Campus. Jupiter- had a very successful tail-gating party. Developing relationships with the Counselor- offered “Relationship 101.” Working with police department (lot of late night walkers).

- **BGC Report**
  - Event on **October 18th** at the Morikomi Museum

✓ Motion to Adjourn Katie// Katy// Passed

Close – 6:05 p.m.