



Reminders

- Faculty Governance Meeting is today after the GSA meeting at 12:45pm

Summary

Today we discussed and started finalizing the purchase of 100 cords for graduation, and discussed issues with the faculty governance meeting.

General meeting

1. President call to order
2. Roll call by Secretary
 - Quorum: Yes
3. Review and approval of meeting minutes from
 - Motion to Approve Minutes: Laura Bartock
 - Second: Ely Margolis
 - Unanimously approved

New Business

1. Faculty Governance Meeting – Grad student bill of rights document to be discussed
 - Scott Bergey: Several professors are uncomfortable with certain wording of the document, specifically the signature portion, and argue that every student-advisor relationship is different and there doesn't need to be one document that applies to everyone. Some professors hope this doesn't pass and do not want to sign the bill
 - There are critiques that the document doesn't offer consequences for breaching of the contract
 - Scott: I'll be attending the meeting and everyone else is welcome also, but what are people's thoughts after hearing these objections? I'm sure they will ask for the grad student perspective.

- Jay Wason: what does the signature stand for? That the document was discussed, or that all parties agree to it?
 - Alison Oakes: This document ALSO protects the professor – if a student doesn't hold up their end of the bargain this protects the major professor
 - Emily Handelman: If the professors argue that each student-advisor relationship is different, shouldn't that also be discussed?
 - Ely Margolis: This document isn't demanding of professors and should not be a concern.
 - Jay Wason: Professors who 'abuse' students are going to neglect this document since it's not binding.
 - Eileen Leon: This document at least gets professors aware of our needs.
 - Scott Bergey: If this gets passed, he will send out the document to the entire graduate student listserv. This document, and our efforts on it, should be announced.
 - Doug Morrison: Seven years ago, a student expressed concern that their name wasn't on a research paper when that was their research. We are striving to keep students and professors on the same page.
 - This document is mostly for new students to be aware of rights and responsibilities of both parties.
2. Forrest is stepping down from VP of Speakers, and will lay things out for whoever the replacement is.
 - Alex Poisson: One external speaker is confirmed for the spring semester.
 3. Terra is stepping down from GSA (EFB rep), and is going to see if Melissa Althouse (who ran for the position at the final meeting last year) still has interest, otherwise we will announce the opening to the EFB dept.
 4. Cords for graduation:
 - Laura Crandall suggested the possibility for using stoles rather than tassels to be consistent with USA, but also states that cords are less expensive.
 - Cords are slightly less expensive than stoles
 - Cord colors taken are: red, white, and blue
 - Motion to approve purchase of 100 cords for graduation. ~\$375 to be purchased by Allison Oakes via P-Card.
 1. Motion to approve: Rick Joseph
 2. Second: Eileen Leon
 3. Unanimously approved
 5. Save-a-plate program (SAPP)
 - Alex Poisson: one set of dishes contains 40 units
 - The cost would be free to us
 - To use them, we'd schedule their use (2 days in advance) and drop off them off after use to the Trailhead Café
 6. Motion to adjourn:
 - Motion: Laura Bartock

- Second: Ely Margolis
- Unanimously approved

Committee Updates

- Speakers: Forrest is stepping down, but a speaker is confirmed for next semester already (particularly relevant for STEM mentors).
- Social: Final TG of the semester will be on December 12, 2014 and will be at the Inn Complete from 8-11pm.
- Professional Development: No updates
- Grants and Awards: Grants committee is meeting after the GSA meeting to determine who receives funding for fall grants proposals.
- International: No updates

Upcoming events

- Last TG will be on December 12, 2014 from 8-11pm at the Inn Complete

Next Meeting's Agenda:

- 1) Grad BoR document update
- 2) Filling GSA Vacancies—Speakers VP, EFB3, LA, ERE, GSO3
- 3) Budget update
- 4) GSA Cord payment options
- 5) GSA response to Elsevier issue
- 6) Next semester planning

Attendance

GSA Senate

1. Scott Bergey - President
2. Jonathan Masih Das -VP Grants and Awards (absent)
3. YunYun Bi -VP of International Activities
4. Stacey Mack -VP of Professional Development (absent)
5. Eileen Leon -VP of Social Activities
6. Forrest Baird -VP of Speakers and Presentations (absent) [resigning]
7. Hayley Kopelson - Secretary
8. Alison Oakes - Treasurer
9. Ian McColl - SU GSO Representative (absent)
10. Keshav Sauba - SU GSO Representative (absent)
11. Peter Kwon - SU GSO Representative (absent)
12. Leanna Kirschen - Environmental Studies Representative (absent)
13. Colin Bragg - SCME representation (absent)
14. Emily Handelman - Landscape Architecture Representative
15. Xolile Maphanga - ERE Representative
16. Emma Putman - PBE representative (absent)
17. Veronica Gonzalez - FNRM Representative (I) (absent)
18. Becky Fuda - Environmental Forest Biology Representative (I)
19. Jay Wason - Environmental Forest Biology Representative (II)
21. Terra Rentz - EFB (III) (absent) [resigning]
22. Mirian Calderon - Environmental Science Representative (I)
23. Laura Bartock - Environmental Science Representative (II) (late, arrived at 12:14pm)
24. Rick Joseph - Chemistry Representative
25. Doug Morrison - Faculty Advisor
26. Eugene Law - Board of Trustees (absent)
27. Ely Margolis - Webmaster
28. Alex Poisson - USA representative

Guests

None.