



Reminders/Follow-up:

Scott: Let Emily know about the entertainer you've contacted.

Jen: Look into depositing student payments into our budget

Lewis: Publicize proposed constitutional amendment

Investigate "student referendum" in regards to SU/GSO fees

General Meeting

Committee

1. Social Committee (Cat)
 - a. Ice skating TG: needs more pizza in future (provided by GSO)
 - b. Wine tour: survey gauging student interest is still open, waiting on OK from Dean Lombard (Kelly F is organizing)
 - i. Budget question to Jen: how could we deposit payments from students in our account to pay for the bus fee?
 - ii. Whitney will get survey results out to Cat today.
 - c. Traditional TG: April 6th
2. Speaker Committee (Scott)
 - a. Tuesday April 10 5pm Nifkin confirmed Gavin McIntyre from Ecovative
 - i. Still debating room: Nifkin, Baker 408, Marshall Auditorium.
 - ii. Students for Env. Policy (STEP) from Maxwell -- possible funding?
3. Professional Development (Whitney)
 - a. April 12 Grad Spotlight on Student Research in Moon Library
 - i. Letters to all depts. asking for support/funding on GSA letterhead.
 - b. March 30th Elevator Pitch/Research Mixer in 408 Baker, suggest names of judges to Whitney, \$500 first prize, beer afterwards, encourage your advisor to participate show up
 - i. Give suggestions of potential faculty members to serve as judges to Whitney -- we need a bunch!
 - ii. Dept. reps can advertise the event, everyone can encourage advisors to participate and spread the word amongst their students.
 - iii. Announcement is already out from research committee, we'll take over advertising post break, posters and electronic signage coming.
 - c. Improve communication with faculty? Go through dept. chairs, get them "on your side"? Personal invites? Talk to "gatekeeper" professors (i.e., Paul Hirsch)

4. Budget (Jen)
 - a. More money than we actually planned on, ~\$600 under budget
 - b. Announcement for RIN, Travel Grants, Student/Faculty Awards
 - i. April 6th for Travel Grants, Awards (announce winners at last TG)
 - ii. A week earlier for RIN? -- still needs an evaluation rubric
 - iii. Committees
 1. Travel Awards: David, Tom, Lewis
 2. RIN (requires rubric): Whitney, Cat, John Wiley
 3. Awards: Lewis, Lori, Scott
 - iv. Perhaps limit nominations to the graduate population (no undergrads).
 - v. Exemplary Research Award for Faculty -- but faculty-nominated
 - vi. Jesse has good relationship with Communications office, perhaps use them to send out an email announcement/call for nominations?
5. OIGS Advisory Body
 - a. Lewis proposed language to add this as a GSA department representative duty
 - b. Description from Scott Shannon: *Time commitment will be to meet formally once or perhaps twice per semester, for an hour or two at most each time. The primary purpose would be to provide a formal opportunity for me (and potentially other college administrators) to seek guidance and input from graduate students on a wide range of policy issues, ranging from the creation and adoption of a local "graduate student bill of rights and responsibilities," to critiquing the college's paperwork or forms, to providing advice on convocation procedures, or orientation.*
 - c. Concerns:
 - i. If we have representatives that cannot make current GSA meetings or responsibilities, then perhaps adding more is not the best idea?
 - ii. If only department representatives participate on this body, are we representing the breadth of the graduate experience?
 - iii. Will this encourage grads to actually run for these positions? Are representatives aware of their current responsibilities as expressed in our constitution? (illustrates a general need for role-clarification within GSA).
 - d. Perhaps this is the limit of the GSA mechanism to provide representation
 - e. To include a broader audience, GSA could facilitate preliminary discussions within meetings and with the general campus prior to the Advisory Body meeting.
 - f. Two main questions here: who will serve, what are the roles of representatives?
 - i. Institutionalize a mechanism for role/responsibility clarification?
 - g. Table conversation of the "role of reps" and "position expectations" for now.

- h. Reasonable expectation of a rep and helps Scott (David)
 - i. Must post the proposed amendment on our website ("newspaper") and email.
 - j. Motion to propose the amendment (Tom), seconded (David)
 - k. Do we have enough for a quorum?? -- suspending this requirement.
 - l. All in favor: 11, opposed: 1, passes as a suggested motion
6. GSO business
- a. Scott met with Joe Rufo: \$15 on bill for Student Activities is paid to GSO, so they have every right to demand more money or deny our services -- except legal services -- despite a generally unclear overlap between service contract and GSO.
 - b. Services include: drumlins, inn complete discount, career services, child care, graduate school, etc.
 - c. GSA can set this amount by a student referendum -- we should investigate this.
 - d. Services contract is renegotiated next year, can we try to get the contract to include more services? -- we can't pick and chose the services, but it seems the law school can, can we pursue individual contracts for these services?
 - i. This might end up costing students MORE.
 - e. Fees are taken in the Fall, late Spring isn't the ideal time to renegotiate.
 - f. GSO has not recontacted or made a formal demand, let's just let it sit.
7. GPES (Lori)
- a. Survey of student satisfaction is ready to go out, distribute Tuesday after break.
 - b. Dept. reps will email their chair, so that survey link/email can be sent by chairs not secretaries. Lori/Emily will be the contact points for the survey. Encourage peers to fill it out. Refer comments back to Emily or Lori.
 - c. Incentivize? -- then would have to provide contact information...we'd have to tell them up-front. This survey is regarding personal experiences, maybe you shouldn't fill this out if you are mostly interested in winning a gift card.
 - d. The survey offers ANNONYMITY, not CONFIDENTIALITY. We cannot ask students to identify themselves if the information is to be shared with Administration (in the hopes of improving programs) and we risk exposing students.
 - e. Consider a general incentive like an event where you bring your computer to fill out the survey and we provide pizza, perhaps targeted to specific departments, or Lori will wear something special, etc.
 - f. Advertise on our website.
 - g. Make sure people know they have to do it in one shot.

Attendance:

Doug Morrison	X	Bali Quintero	Alex Levine	
Lewis Grove	X	Jenny Wang	Nick Pasco	
Jennifer Yantachka	X	Scott Sveiven	X David Schmidt	X
Abbie Larkin	X	Emily Hughes	John Paul Buyondo	
Jesse Robinson		Kat DeVilbiss	X Tom Brumbelow	X
Cat Foley	X	Kelly Fitzsimmons	X Stephanie Figary	
Whitney L Marshall	X	Lindsey Perez	Natasha Karniski	X
Lori Cornell	X	Emily Johnson	X	
Kelly Bancroft	X	Tina Hua Cai	X John Wjley	X