



Reminders/Follow-up:

EVERYONE: Let Scott know if you are interested in meeting next week's speaker.

EVERYONE: Attend next week's speaker event: Dr. Peter Reich Shifting Paradigms.

EVERYONE: Tell Whitney if you have comments/concerns regarding "W" policy.

All GRANTS/AWARDS Committee members: meet and discuss.

EMILY H: Thank-you gifts for Multicultural Event performers and speaker.

SCOTT: Follow up on Alumni Soccer Game info.

General Meeting

Committee Updates

1. Social Committee (Cat)
 - a. Bowling this Friday was canceled in lieu of Grad Student Mega Mixer at Daisy Dukes -- will plan during next year.
 - b. End of Semester BBQ @ Inn Complete May 4th, 4-9 pm
 - i. Food and beverages cost more at the Inn Complete, requesting more funds to cover the costs (motion occurred later in meeting).
2. Professional Development Committee (Whitney)
 - a. Last week's Spotlight on Student Research -- Graduate Event
 - i. Well-attended by students and faculty, new judging criteria and setup worked very well.
 - ii. Still organizing how to distribute department-sponsored awards.
 - b. Careers Panel, TBD.
3. Speaker Committee (Scott)
 - a. Shifting Paradigms: Dr. Peter Reich, April 25th, 5 Illick @ 5pm, reception after.
 - i. Let Scott know if you are interested in lunch or a meeting with Dr. Reich next wednesday between 11:30-2pm.
 - b. Student Speaker Series: Lindsay Perez April 27th 12 pm., last one of the year.
 - c. Dr. Lilian Alessa (April 17th): well-attended by students and faculty.

Other Business

1. Student Awards
 - a. Committee will meet and deliberate soon (Scott, Lori, Lewis).
2. RIN -- 7 applications, \$2200 allocated, cap is \$500 per application
 - a. Committee: Cat, John, Jen, Whitney.
 - b. All seem to be complete applications, reasonable requests.
3. Travel -- 18 applicants, \$1000 allocated, cap is 200 per application
 - a. Committee: Lewis, Lori, Whitney, Tom, David.
 - b. Will push announcement deadline back from April 20th.
4. Budget Status-- extra funds (should keep at least \$500 for safety)

- a. Speaker Committee-- some might go to reimburse EFB for speaker, cover flight or something, conservatively have ~\$1500 excess in budget.
 - b. Multicultural event -- thank-you gifts <\$200, leaves \$600 excess in budget.
 - c. Social Committee-- reserve \$500 for old/new GSA mixer (Sunday May 6th?).
 - d. Reserve \$200-300 for new GSA training (food and supplies)
 - e. P-cards inconvenient, only really get office supplies and food, requires monthly meetings for supervisions. Perhaps revert to reimbursement method next year.
 - f. Roll-over money on gift cards for future members to use (with insurance).
5. Allocation of excess funds (\$2700) -- not including \$500 under KB name.
- a. GSA Fall training -- \$200
 - b. GSA Spring mixer -- \$500
 - c. RIN -- \$950?
 - d. Travel Grants -- \$720?
 - e. TG BBQ --Beer -- \$200
 - f. Soccer Game -- \$130
 - i. Alumni Association Soccer Game May 5th organized by graduate student, asking for funds for t-shirts for the game.
 - ii. Discussion:
 1. Shouldn't funds flow towards us from offices and not away? The Alumni Offices does not contribute to GSA events for grads.
 2. More justified if grads were actually there, or invited to the event.
 3. Scott will follow up and report back.
 - g. How much will/should this year's GSA fund next year's GSA, when considering allocating money towards grants for next year and such.
 - h. Motion (Whitney): \$1000 towards additional RIN/Travel, but those committees can decide if/how to use that
 - i. Perhaps set different amounts for each committee?
 - ii. Coordinated separate committee meetings by Monday at 5 pm. when they can further discuss what is needed by each committee.
 - iii. Motion removed.
 - i. Motion (Lori): \$200 towards beer for the BBQ, seconded (Cat/Whitney), all in favor (12), motion passed to allocate \$200 to Social Committee.
 - j. Motion (Whitney): \$200 to GSA Fall training, seconded (Lori/David), all in favor (12), motion passed to allocate \$200 to Miscellaneous Account.
 - k. Motion (Lori): \$500 towards spring mixer, seconded (Tom), all in favor (12), motion passed to allocate \$500 to Social Committee.
 - l. Alumni Soccer Game: Scott will ask contact for more details, tabled to next time.
6. Filing cabinet: locked, but key is in desk drawer.
7. New Policy (Whitney): changing course add/drop policy, introducing "W" for withdraw.
- a. Currently, students can drop classes up to end of semester without penalty.
 - b. Other schools keep a "withdrew" mark on your record, even if you retake it.

- c. Proposing official form, would have to drop by end of drop period (4 weeks), 5-9 weeks get a "W" grade but won't affect GPA -- this helps faculty account for class/lab resources/equipment, week 10-14 faculty decides W fail or W pass.
 - d. Policy is passing through from Committee on Curriculum to Faculty Governance.
 - e. USA official position: against, but this affects them more so than us.
 - f. Discussion:
 - i. The "W" should be replaced by a grade if the course is retaken.
 - ii. But, a "W" helps maintain full-time status instead of a drop.
 - iii. Doesn't affect GPA, can still petition, pretty much a good policy for us.
 - iv. Might affect international students, unique impacts.
 - v. Could this be a separate policy for grads and undergrads?
 - vi. Tell Whitney if you have any other future comments.
8. More authority/protocol behind Grants/Awards Committee (Scott)
- a. To be revisited next year.
9. GSO fee structure
- a. We are paying below market value for services we are receiving.
 - b. Legal services are separate, part of the Bray service package.
 - c. ~\$32 per year as new fee (includes Inn Complete, also Drumlins).
 - d. Can't address for next fall anyways, can table for next year and readdress with specificities as Bray service package is renegotiated.
 - e. Scott and Lewis will follow through on this in the next academic year.
 - f. 3 full, filled, voting positions next year on the GSO.
 - g. David: would we rather have them in the service contract or deal with this ourselves? Go through our service contract and not through GSO? -- we are welcome to explore options beyond the historic arrangement, but there might be benefits to continuing with the established relationship with GSO.
 - h. If we don't pay, then no more access to ANY GSO events; perhaps still a way for groups to merge just not the same relationship.
10. Awards/Grant Committee Chair (Scott)
- a. Previously an informal role of the Treasurer, but maybe too much to take on.
 - b. New position as trial period, volunteer, then maybe added/vote for position.
 - i. John Wiley has already expressed an interest in this committee, and there is someone from EFB that could step up to replace John...
 - c. We may like this aspect of GSA this year, but maybe not all years, so maybe not institutionalize it.
 - d. Pick up discussion next year.
11. Elections
- a. You can only vote for the representatives of your department.
 - b. Ari and Kelly (GPES reps.) are not on ballot -- mistake, but uncontested anyways
 - i. David Soderberg's mistake?
 - ii. Scott/Lori will try to contact all GPES students to explain, perhaps through Ruth, maintains transparency of the process.

- c. Constitution does allow the president to appoint individuals for vacant positions, provided the senate confirms the individuals.
12. Meeting of all grants/awards subcommittees to sort things out deliberation plans.

Attendance:

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

Extras:

Jimmy McCarthy
 Steve Balogh
 Daniela Manushevich
 Ari Engelberg
 Melissa Welshans (GSO President)
 Patrick Neary (GSO Vice President)
 John Wiley
 Kelly Bancroft