Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes
Date April 6th, 2011
Time: 6 pm
Location: James Room (Sadler Center)

I. Call to order

II. Vice-President’s report
   a. Graduate Portfolio
      Submissions have been coming in and are currently in the process of being posted. Please continue to encourage people to submit the information themselves using the online form, or submit to your department’s GSA representative.

   b. Health Insurance
      GSA officers (Paul & Megan) have been in contact with appropriate parties, but the bill that has been discussed has been tabled until next year. The issues will continue to be worked on by the incoming officers for next academic year.

III. Treasurer’s report
   a. Reimbursements
      There is $950 left for departmental colloquia. The deadline to turn in receipts will be emailed to department representatives shortly.

IV. Secretary’s report
   a. GSA Website Update
      All GSA officer candidate statements have been posted to the GSA website.

V. Social Chair’s report
   a. Spring semester social date
      Discussed whether a social event for April should be held. It was decided that with the end of the semester fast approaching, the Spring Grad Bash would be the final social event for the school year.

VI. Senate Representative
   a. No announcements.

VII. Graduate Council
   a. Spring Grad Bash will be April 9th 12-4 pm $5, free entry if you volunteer with the event! The Grad Bash is this weekend. Be sure to bring your student ID, and a state-issued ID if you plan on drinking. (There is more beer this year.) If interested in volunteering, please email Ashely Heilprin.

   b. VIMS Fish Fry/Spring Party April 16th
      $10 entry, $5 if you bring a dish to pass
VIII. Old Business
   a. Graduate Research Symposium report (Shaun Richards and Sarah Zimmet)
      Suggestions from the GRS debriefing meeting with GRS committee members
      and Dean Sanderson were discussed. Two possible ways to increase GSA
      membership on the committee and participation overall was to 1) put forth a
      motion that the new position of Parliamentarian serve as a liaison between
      the two organizations; and 2) to offer an additional $100 for departmental
      colloquia to departments and programs that have someone on the GRS
      committee. Other suggestions were to promote the value of serving on
      college-wide committees for your C.V. to incoming graduate students;
      disqualifying departments not represented on the committee from receiving
      awards; or, worst case scenario, preventing students from
      presenting. Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated.
   b. Elections (Eric Aldrich)
      The GSA elections e-ballots are to be sent out at 12:01 AM tomorrow
      morning. The voting is open until 11:59 pm. There are two open positions
      (Social Chair and Senate Representative). The new officers will determine
      how to fill these positions at the first GSA meeting of next year.

IX. New Business
   a. Need to establish a committee to review this round of applications
      The deadline for travel funding applications has passed, and a new
      committee is being formed to review applications. If interested please email
      Ashley Heilprin. As posted on the website, please allow four weeks for a
      decision.
   b. Parking services issues (Megan)
      Megan is working on motioning for a reduced rate for parking passes for
      graduate students on stipend to the Parking Services Advisory Board. The
      rate would be comparative, as is currently the case for faculty making less
      than $80,000. She is collecting letters from students who support the
      proposal, as well as from people who wish to share their personal problems
      with the current parking permits. The meeting is scheduled for April 20; if
      you wish to write a letter, please email them to Megan no later than the 19th.
   c. College-wide committee appointments
      There are seventeen committees looking for graduate representation for next
      school year. If interested, email Ashley Heilprin for details.

X. Adjournment

LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR!!!!