

## **Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes**

**Date: February 1, 2012**

**Time: 6 pm**

**Location: James Room, Sadler Center**

- I. Welcome and Approval of Minutes (President)
- II. Vice President's Report
  - a. Students should continue to make submissions to the Graduate Portfolio.
  - b. Libby Cook has been in contact with universities throughout the nation in order to find out who has retirement plans. So far, she has found only one that does – University of Massachusetts Amherst. Libby plans to continue pursuing this in hopes of arranging for some sort of retirement plan for students.
  - c. 30 people attended the Welcome Back party.
- III. Treasurer's Report
  - a. About \$500 in colloquium funding remains for the semester.
  - b. Sarah Stanford-McIntyre raised question of whether or not some sort of restrictions should be put in place, in case \$500 is not sufficient to fund all applicants. Computer Science and Physics seem to use the most money for colloquiums. Decided not to impose any restrictions at this time.
  - c. About \$200 was spent on the movie viewing.
  - d. \$500 or more is left of the Dean's discretionary fund.
- IV. Senate Representative's Report
  - a. We may no longer have an active Senate Representative. Chris is waiting to hear from Kevin as to whether or not he can resume attending Senate meetings.
- V. Old Business
  - a. Parking Letter & Busing
    - i. Due to various conflicts, no one was available to attend the COGS meeting. Our letter will likely be discussed at the next COGS meeting.
- VI. New Business
  - a. Change in meeting time
    - i. Some of our members have classes that conflict with our 6 pm meeting time. Thus, we will now start meetings at 6:30 pm.
  - b. Graduate Research Symposium
    - i. Sarah Zimmet made a call for volunteers to serve as room proctors during the symposium. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Shaun Richards (sfrichards@email.wm.edu).
    - ii. Sarah suggested that people attend the GRS Coffee Break on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Coffee Break is a great opportunity for networking and meeting alumni and others who support W&M grad students' research.
    - iii. Students are also encouraged to attend the GRS Awards Panel on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4-5 pm.
    - iv. Sarah suggested purchasing a gift to present to Dean Sanderson at the GRS. Motion made to approve \$50 for purchase of gift. Unanimously approved.
  - c. Colloquium Funding

