

Graduate Student Council Meeting minutes

Meeting on October 5, 2008

In attendance:

Marsh	Jason	School of Law	GSC member
Heard	Amanda	School of Nursing	GSC member
Chung	Sam	SOLES	GSC member
Headden	Todd	School of Law	GSC Chair
Kolupski	Meg	College of Arts and Sciences	GSC member
Brook	McGillis	Pastoral Care and Counseling	GSC member
Horrigan	Sean	Student Affairs	GSC advisor
Rowland	Alisa	SOLES	GSC member
Dupree	Kyle	School of Business	GSC member
Hegedus	Tunde	Student Affairs	GSC Advisor

Absent:

Bula	Jennifer	School of Law	GSC member
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I. Updates on Committees

1. Todd's Committee report:

Undergraduate and graduate and law students pay different amounts into the endowment. They were not too specific, therefore Todd could not get the amounts. They want to eliminate the endowment growth plan.

- The Deans of Schools were complaining about the lack of money
- Law students paid 2million dollars into the endowment last year all together

2. Academic Affairs and Finance Committee meetings were unattended, because these meetings were an entire day, and grad/law students can't take such commitment.

3. Grad assembly – first meeting on Thursday, October 9, Update comes in the next GSC meeting
4. New Student Pavilion – first meeting on Tuesday, October 7th: Update in the next GSC meeting
5. University Senate and PABID – Presidential Advisory Board of Inclusion and Diversity: next meeting on October 10th, then on November 14th, Brook will do both.

II. Division of Student Affairs

It was agreed that Tunde would get the descriptions of these committees, and send them to all GSC members including the meeting dates. We need information from the GSA about who is sitting on what committees. We want to make sure that we use our time efficiently. We need two more representatives for the two groups in the “Division of Student Affairs” committees.

III. Discussion about upcoming events sponsored and organized by GSC

1. Tailgate, Nov 18th – Todd and Meg

The day is not yet confirmed, because there is an undergrad event going on there that evening.

2. Service project

Brook suggested organizing a blanket collection program with 3 collection spots on campus. She suggested running it for a longer time (a few months), and help people in Tijuana. She could write an article in Vista with the mission federal bank woman and we could do some flyers, organize some marketing, at the dorms, etc. We could collect blankets and the bank woman would come and pick them up. We would be helping the really poor people. Undergrads could help us to get the word out.

The organization of a trip to Tijuana was suggested to take the blankets there, with the possible cooperation and help of Maria Torretto from University Ministry. Maria could definitely help us with making service trips to other places as well.

3. Law Halloween party – Oct 31st, Missions Beach, open to all grad and law students! Tickets will be sold online soon! To buy tickets, go to the bottom floor in the law school, in the writs.
4. SOLES: They are on the task force of the final party of the academic year for the GSA. Sam and Alisa suggested this event to be a GSA-GSC event. GSA has 1500\$, GSC has money available as well, so this could be a joint event. It would be in a club. 2 years ago it was Downtown.
5. School of Nursing has an end of year celebration usually. Amanda will check what they want to do exactly. One of their classmates had been in an accident, and they try to get money for her. They are opening it up for the faculty but not to other grad and law students.
6. GBSA: paintball with SDSU.
7. Arts and Science: Research projects, presentation of research projects. Mini posters about research projects, and have people come and find out about what other students work on.

IV. Other business

1. **Graduate and Law Student Campus Life Orientation:** Tunde suggested

to look into possible significant changes made in the structure of the orientation to encourage more students to join the event. Out of the approximately 700 new graduate and law students, only 150 registered (including guests), and 80 showed up.

2. **Graduate fees**

It was commented that there is a significant gap between scholarships distributed to graduate students and undergraduates: graduate students get less than undergraduates.

3. **GSA complains** combined with GSC and write a complain letter about scholarships, grants and student accounts issues. There were many bad experiences reported by students with financial aid treatments, grant distribution issues at the One Stop Services.

4. **Sustainability Task Force – up and running**

It's up and running again. Todd is the representative, and the university decided to formally task with it, but we are not yet sustainable.

5. **Chair visit by Todd**

He wants to visit committee meetings in GSA, GBSA, Nursing, and in Arts and Sciences.

6. **Minutes approved**

The minutes of the last GSC meeting has been approved by all GSC members.

V. Next meeting: Sunday, November 2, 2008, 7:30PM