

Graduate Student Advisory Council Executive Board

**September 25, 2008 8:15 PM
Blair Hall Conference Room
Meeting Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Attendance
- III. New Business
 - a. Budget (graduate student fee)
 - b. GSAC Constitution
 - c. SOC reports
 - d. Cap on Financial Aid
 - e. Website / Technology (pictures – short break)
 - f. Semester Events
 - g. Graduate Expo updates
 - h. New Issues
 - k. Set agenda for next general meeting
- IV. Open Floor
- V. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order – 8:20
- II. Attendance – all present
- III. New Business
 - a. Budget (graduate student fee) – Rodney passed out a draft of the graduate student fee budget and expenditures for the 2007-2008 years. He noted that the total revenue for this year will most likely be similar to last year's (\$4155.83). He also noted that the National Black Student Union Conference will not be an expenditure since they have not yet submitted a proposal for attendance. Peter will include an updated version of this draft with his section of the fee increase proposal. Ricel showed her portion of the draft, covering the present problem. The other two portions will be finished by Tuesday/Wednesday (Sept 30/Oct 1) so that they can be compiled and passed out to the executive and general GSAC members.

We agreed to follow up on this process at the next exec meeting, especially addressing the plan's reception at the general meeting. Rodney, Erin, Ricel, and Peter will be presenting the proposal on October 3.

- b. GSAC Constitution – Ricel is in the process of drawing up a rough draft of the Constitution Task Force responsibilities. She will then pull up the draft at the next general meeting, explain what the task force entails, and pass out copies to interested members of the general GSAC.
- c. SOC reports – Peter and Uros informed us that the Student Organization Council is currently a committee under student government with no budge and no constitution. They are taking suggestions as to what their short-term and long-term plans should be. Not all student organizations were represented at the meeting. In the future, GSAC might consider recommending mandatory attendance from one of our members, but for now we are keeping it as a loose networking involvement.
- d. Cap on Financial Aid – Rodney passed out the financial aid appeal form and pointed out the stipulation where graduate students must fill **Exceeded maximum time frame** in order to reinstate their financial aid. Uros was designated to go speak with Jone Zieren about the issue, as well as to check on whether or not this financial aid issue is part of a federal mandate. We will be following up this issue at next executive GSAC meeting.

e. Website / Technology – Uros informed us that he hasn't been able to coordinate with the webmaster yet, so currently there are no changes to the website.

However, he is ready and willing to make all the changes when he can. The facebook group is also set up. It's most important element is the discussion board and upload capabilities. This way, discussions which begin in general meetings can be continued after dismissal.

f. Semester Events – Tasha will hand out fliers at the next general meeting as well as aid in the discussion of forming task forces to consider professional workshops. We will also open to the floor to suggestions for social events.

g. Graduate Expo updates – Tasha's suggestion for collaboration between interrelated departments in panel discussions is a big hit! The next step is to get the Deans of the colleges and Chairs of each department involved in the process. Rodney and Tasha will speak about this possibility at the next general meeting.

We also discussed the possibility of providing a different avenue of presentation for the arts and music. Follow up discussion of this topic is necessary at this point.

h. New Issues – First, Rodney mentioned that he wants to send out admission packets and ask about what additions and orientations are necessary for graduate students who completed undergraduate work at universities other than Eastern.

Secondly, Peter presented on rules and procedures, and will be typing up the five step outline he formed for the next general meeting. (Presentation, Q & A, Pro-Con, Discussion, Vote/Table). His typed outline is included with these minutes.

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