Graduate and Professional Council General Assembly Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2004

I. Meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by Vice President April Orsborn.

II. Adoption of Agenda.
   • A motion to accept the agenda by acclamation passed.

III. A motion to adopt the minutes by acclamation passed.

IV. Action Items
   A. Funding Request: Forestry Graduate Student Association
      • Request was presented by Julie Richter, president of the FGSA.
      • The request was for $500 for airfare for a Conservation Biology seminar speaker on March 3rd. Airfare is expensive because of travel from a remote location in North Dakota. Seminar is advertised with fliers and departmental list serves.
      • Finance committee recommendations ranged between $300-$500. It was stated that we had around $3,000 left for funding for the year.
      • Motion to award the $500 requested passed.

V. New Business – None

VI. Old Business – None

VII. Officer Reports
   A. President: Nathan Brummel
      • Met with Dr. Lucas about the rec center fees. Fees will not be above the $75 voted on. Parts of the dry space will open in June, but it will not be complete until January of 2005.
      • Met with Dr. Scroggs about married student housing on hospital drive. They will be putting a committee together to address the issues related to building new living space because the old housing will likely be torn down.
      • We are in the process of revising the Articles of Cooperation with MSA.
      • Also, Dr. Lucas is involved with an expansion team for Brady Commons, and they will want graduate student opinion on the committee.
   B. Vice President: April Orsborn
      • Deadlines for Gold Chalk and Rollins Society are March 12th.
      • We will have nominations for officers at the next meeting in April.
   C. Publicity and Programming: Jon Patterson
      • RCAF is on Saturday March 6th. Come support fellow grad students. Need volunteers for helping judges.
      • There will be an April Grad Gathering on April 10th a presentation about using technology to enhance learning. Dr. Ortega is the keynote speaker.
   D. Treasurer: Sarah Malia
      • Travel Scholarships are due on March 12th.
      • The Budget has to be turned in soon if you are interested in the process or just giving input come to the Exec meeting on Tuesday March 16th at 6:00 pm in AO2 Brady Commons.
   E. Secretary: Marissa Ahlering – None
   F. National Issues: Trey James
      • Went to DC for NAGPS Lobby day. Worked with SLU to lobby Missouri reps.
• If you are interested in getting involved with graduate issues on the national level talk to Trey about starting a committee.

VIII. Liaison Reports
   A. Law – Barristers ball coming up.
   B. Vet – None
   C. Med – Exams. Match Day March 18th
   D. GSA – Awards banquet on April 21st.
   E. ASUM – Will Pollock
      • SMSU named change failed by 1 vote in the house.
      • He will be taking a trip to DC at the end of the month to lobby reps about pell grants for grad students and possibly reinstating the tax exempt status of graduate stipends.

IX. Announcements

X. Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:45 PM passed.