

Graduate and Professional Student Council

7:30 pm, Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Student Services Building #150

Agenda

- I. Call Meeting to Order, Sign-in- 7:30 (Meeting called to order at 7:31pm.)
- II. Approval of Minutes from September 15, 2015. (No call for corrections. Minutes approved.)
- III. Welcome Dr. Yueh-Ting Lee, Dean of the Graduate School
 - a. Introduction
 - i. Dr. Lee talked about the purpose and mission of Graduate School.
 - ii. Dr. Lee talked about a Total Quality Care model for graduate students.
 - b. Questions (keep questions brief)
 - i. Many departments are seeing declines in the number of faculty members. How do you balance the desire to increase enrollment with this current reality? (Allowing retired faculty to fill the gaps could be a possible solution. In addition, turning some graduate certificate programs into online programs could be an option.)
 - ii. Are you committed to a certain amount of time to your position as Dean of Graduate School? (My contract is for five years but I hope to stay on for at least 8 years.)
 - iii. When are tuition waivers and reimbursements attached to graduate assistantships dispersed? Can credits be added to graduate students accounts? Can you promise some action? (I am not aware of this situation. Please send me an email so I can have a staff member to explain it to me. If it is an error caused by delayed processing, students should not be held liable.)
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
- VI. Officer & Committee Reports
 - A. VP for Graduate School Affairs, Amanda Barnard
 - a. Graduate Council updates
 - i. Student applications (This will be moved to next meeting.)

ii. Program Reviews (Amanda shared that SIU will form a committee between the Graduate Council and Faculty Senate to evaluate each program at SIU. This committee will create criteria for this evaluation and later rank them. Programs will be enhanced, maintained, reduced, or eliminated based on this evaluation. Graduate students will be a part of the process.)

b. Research Advisory Committee (A committee for Dr. Garvey; met two weeks ago to setup a week of research and creative activities. This would be April 4-8 and an opportunity to celebrate the work of undergraduate and graduate students. This will include poster and oral presentations. Graduate Forum will be on April 5.)

B. VP for Administrative Affairs, Willie Lyles III

a. Fee Allocation Board, Membership.

i. Event Funding Recommendations

1. The Zoology Graduate Student Association Seminar Series was approved.

ii. Budget Update

1. Event Funding: \$13,000

2. Charitable Giving: \$5,000

3. Travel Funding: \$19,100

C. President, Brandon Woudenberg

a. Committee Reports, Updates

i. Constituency Heads Committee report given by Brandon Woudenberg.

ii. Enrollment Taskforce Committee report given by John Flowers.

iii. It's On Us Taskforce report given by Brandon Woudenberg.

b. Constitutional Committee volunteers

c. Committee positions still available in yellow

D. GPSC Representatives: Committee Updates

Affirmative Action Advisory Committee – Willie Lyles III	Chancellor’s Constituency Heads – Brandon Woudenberg
Computer Advisory Committee – Dimitrios Parhas	Core Curriculum Advisory Committee – Ryan Speelman

Honorary Degree & Distinguished Service Award – Candice Stearns	V.C Student Affairs Advisory Board – Brandon Woudenberg
Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee – John Howard	It’s On Us Student Task Force – Andriana Bicanin
Mass Transit Advisory Board – Ashley White	Naming University Facilities Committee – David Stoddard
Parking Advisory Committee – Brandon Woudenberg	Night Safety Transit Advisory Board – Natalie Nash
Traffic and Parking Committee – Brandon Woudenberg	Rainbows End – Amanda Barnard
Library Affairs Committee-	Non-Traditional Student Services-
Student Health Advisory Committee- Natalie Nash	Student Center Advisory Board- Rosario Escolar
Rec Center Advisory Board -	S.C Dean of Library Affairs – Bandon Woudenberg
S.C. Dean College of Business- David Houghon	S.C. Dean of College of Education and Human Services- Ryan Speelman
Enrollment Taskforce Committee – John Flowers / Michelle Snyder	S.C. Assistant Provost for enrollment and retention – John Flowers

VII. Roundtable Discussion, Announcements – Next regular meeting November 3 (**The Joint GPSC/USG Meeting hosting the IL Legislative Delegation will be on October 27 at 7pm in the Student Health Center Auditorium. In addition, a donation will be made in support of Mrs. Marlowe who lost her husband unexpectedly.**)

VIII. Adjournment