

Graduate and Professional Student Council  
Tuesday, March 8, 2016  
7:30 PM  
Student Services Building #150

Minutes

- I. Call Meeting to Order, Sign-in (7:31 PM)
- II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Minutes approved)
- III. Old Business (no old business)
- IV. New Business
- V. Officer & Committee Reports
  - A. VP for Graduate School Affairs, Amanda Barnard
    - a. **Graduate Council Update** (MAP grants were discussed, as Provost Ford mentioned at the Grad Council meeting that administrators were discussing whether undergrads would need to repay those loans to the school. The elimination of the two Master's degree programs in the Law School were passed by the Council. Dean Lee announced that he had already distributed most of the money in the Graduate School's TAA fund to the colleges to fund GA positions, although that money comes with the stipulation that it be used for Teaching Assistants specifically. Lastly, the Graduate Council is considering a resolution to amend the academic grievance policy. This change would allow students to have a third party present at the initial meeting between the student and the faculty member against whom they are grieving.)
    - b. **Program(s) Review Update** (The program prioritization committees continue to meet and discuss the criteria and metrics against which academic programs will be measured. Those metrics will be presented to the administration to use in the evaluation; the prioritization committee itself will not be evaluating the programs.)
    - c. **Student Health Insurance** (I met with the Gallagher representatives when they visited campus. The 6% fee increase was confirmed and the representatives agreed to allow for an open enrollment period for spouses and dependents in January, in addition to August enrollment. The reps also stressed how declining enrollment at SIUC will cause insurance to become more expensive in the future, as the pool of insured students decreases.)
  - B. VP for Administrative Affairs, Willie Lyles III
    - a. **Budget Update** (Charitable Giving: \$2,879; Travel Reimbursement: \$9,478; Event Funding: \$4,656)
    - b. **Event Funding Request** (no event funding request considered)
    - c. **Research Awards** (The Research Award application went live on March 1. All applications are due on March 25. A request for volunteers was made with a likely consideration of applicants taking place on April 2, at 10 AM.)
  - C. President, Brandon Woudenberg

- a. Town Hall Meeting
- b. Committee Updates
- c. Constitution Updates

<b>Affirmative Action Advisory Committee – Willie Lyles III</b>	<b>Chancellor’s Constituency Heads – Brandon Woudenberg</b>
<b>Computer Advisory Committee –</b>	<b>Core Curriculum Advisory Committee – Ryan Speelman</b>
<b>Honorary Degree &amp; Distinguished Service Award – Candice Stearns</b>	<b>V.C Student Affairs Advisory Board – Brandon Woudenberg</b>
<b>Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee –John Howard</b>	<b>It’s On Us Student Task Force –Andriana Bicanin</b>
<b>Mass Transit Advisory Board – Ashley White</b>	<b>Naming University Facilities Committee –David Stoddard</b>
<b>Parking Advisory Committee – Brandon Woudenberg</b>	<b>Night Safety Transit Advisory Board – Natalie Nash</b>
<b>Traffic and Parking Committee –Brandon Woudenberg</b>	<b>Rainbows End – Amanda Barnard</b>
<b>Library Affairs Committee- Franky Carbajal</b>	<b>Non-Traditional Student Services- Dianah McGreehan</b>
<b>Student Health Advisory Committee-Natalie Nash</b>	<b>Student Center Advisory Board- Rosario Escolar</b>
<b>Rec Center Advisory Board - Ausin Sanderson</b>	<b>S.C Dean of Library Affairs – Bandon Woudenberg</b>
<b>S.C. Dean College of Business- David Houghon</b>	<b>S.C. Dean of College of Education and Human Services- Ryan Speelman</b>
<b>Enrollment Taskforce Committee – John Flowers / Michelle Snyder</b>	<b>S.C. Assistant Provost for enrollment and retention – John Flowers</b>

VI. Roundtable Discussion, Announcements

VII. Adjournment