

# GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (GSC) MEETING – JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2012



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## ☞ OPENING

- ☞ *Meeting is called to order at 11:02 am on Jan<sup>25th</sup> 2012.*
- ☞ *DiDi welcomed guests, graduate students and council members.*
- ☞ *Secretary called the roll. 18 present.*

## ☞ REPORTS

### ☞ *Liting–Secretary:*

- Due to computer issues over the break. We could not post minutes on the website. I would like to post pone the acceptance of last minutes until I can get them posted on website by next week.
- DiDi asked the motion to accept. Tom seconded. Vote accepted.

### ☞ *Daniel– Treasurer*

- Not been able to obtain the Actual fund amount.
- Didi stated the purpose of the travel fund. We have approved 5 applicants in Nov 2011. These students at the time of this meeting still have not been paid. Due to new requirement from the leadership center, our guidelines are been reevaluated. The name will not be travel fund; we will manage the money as action fund.

## ☞ SHARED GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

### ☞ *Tom-Vice president:*

- SGOC committee assignments will be reevaluated and any of them are vacant due to graduation or other circumstances will be filled as soon as possible.
- Our current SGOC proposal has received overwhelming support from all SGOC constituencies except SGA and Staff senate.
- DiDi: We will let everyone have the proposal through attachment on the email or by posting it on our website. DiDi also encouraged every representative to talk to their department chair and bring reports of concerns to the council at our meetings. We do prefer the report to be in written form that we can attach to our minutes.

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- Amanda made a motion to allow every representative to send an e-version of report to president before meeting. Motion without second. Motion died.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

### A. *Ideas for Graduate-Professional Student Appreciation Week (April 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>)—Coordinator DiDi McCann*

- GPSAW Team still needs volunteers. Please contact us if available.
- The location of Award Banquet will be on campus in Cooper Alumni Center. All active members are invited to the banquet.
- Tom spoke with REP Crawford during Christmas break. He agreed to be our keynote speaker and told Tom to confirm with his office.
- We will give out 4 awards, they are: Outstanding Graduate Student; TA; RA and Graduate Faculty Mentor. Each winner will receive \$200 check from GSC and a plaque with their name on it.

### B. *Guidelines for nominations and awarding award.*

- Due to time constraints, we will not discuss the guidelines in full council meeting, but we will present it to everyone. The executive board welcomes suggestions.

### C. *PhD Movie*

- We have 2 departments that financially support the movie. But we still need more money to invite the creator of the movie to give a speech.

### D. *Cancellation of Spring New Graduate Student Orientation*

- The room we booked for the orientation is not available at the time. The Spring New Graduate Student Orientation is cancelled.
- Tom: Last year’s fall orientation was a huge success. Tom and DiDi stressed that the event has to be done yearly. The turn out was huge and the students thanked us.” This ball doesn’t need to be dropped”. Templates and information will be left in the GSC office for future use. Orientation is very supported by Graduate School.

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## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. TFA position open and we are hiring a new GA

- Venkatesh has moved and is no longer at ASU, therefore we need to hire a new GA and appoint a new TFA.

### B. Volunteer need for the office

- Since we only have one GA, we need more volunteers to help maintain the office hour. Office is located in the Dean B Ellis Library Room 147. Office number is 680-4818.

## VII. Open Floor

### ☞ Tom: GSC needs to find the next generation.

- DiDi: Election will be held in the last meeting of spring 2012. All officer positions will be voted upon. Anyone who is interested in an officer position next year is encouraged to come by the office and get more information.

## VIII. Adjournment (1-25-1012 @12:40 pm)

*Motioned by DiDi seconded by Colton*