MINUTES
The Graduate Student Association
The Catholic University of America
Senate Meeting - Regular
February 15, 2012 – 7:00 pm –Pryzbyla 327

Members present:

Carol Anderson    Philip De Mahy    Margot Lamson    Nathan Ponzio
Fr. Charles Benoit Peter Furlong    Bridget Ledford    Tony Purcell
William Buracker  Thad Garrett    James Lewis    Carter Rawson
Chloe Canton      Vernice Grajeda  Pablo Martinez    Jufang Tseng
Joshua Canzona    Elizabeth Greeley John Mickey    Edmund Walsh
Nicole Clery      David Grothoff  Louise Mundstock    Jonathan Zappala
Ryann Craig       Amber Hanson    Ryan Norris
Elizabeth De Mahy Lawrence King    Daniel Petri

I. Meeting was called to order by President James Lewis at 7:07 pm.

II. Roll was called by Thad Garrett, Secretary.

III. Minutes from February 1 and Agenda approved.

IV. Prayer was offered by Fr. Charles Benoit.

V. Officer Reports

a. Academic Senator
   i. Conference is taking shape (will take place March 29).

b. Secretary
   i. No report.

c. Treasurer
   i. Regular budget report; Balances as follows:
      GSA Senate     ($13,812.02)
      Executive Committee  ($4,638.75)
      Events         ($1,350.44)
      Lectures       $9,855.72
      Conferences    $13,977.59
      Public Relations  $1,333.68
d. Vice President
   i. No report.

e. President
   i. Executive Committee still preparing by-laws; goal to have them ready for Senate consideration by March 21.
   ii. Treasurer has been instructed to zero out Events budget using Executive Committee funds. These funds were previously designated for the retreat, which has been cancelled.
   iii. Women’s Issues Committee still needs a chair.
   v. April 4th Open Forum will be hosted by President Garvey, at which time the new officers will also be sworn in.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Conferences
   i. Nineteen awards have been promised for the spring semester as of 2/10.

b. Social
   i. Last GSA sponsored event of the year will be 2/17 at Synetic Theatre.

c. Lectures
   i. No report.

d. Parliamentarian
   i. No report.

e. Public Relations
   i. Reminded Senate to e-mail constituents to encourage voting in the election.

VII. Old Business

a. Lawrence King moved and Daniel Petri seconded that the Senate approve Article IV of the revised Constitution.
   i. Lawrence King moved to amend and Daniel Petri seconded that Section 1 be replaced with a section that gives the president the authority to create committees. Amendment passed.
   ii. Lawrence King moved to amend and Brian Rice seconded that Section 2 be removed. Amendment passed.
   iii. Motion passed.
b. Ryan Norris moved and David Grothoff seconded that the Senate approve Article V of the revised Constitution.
   i. Philip de Mahy moved and Daniel Petri seconded that “and on all committees there-of” be replaced by “and all of its committees” in Section 2.A. Amendment passed.
   ii. Motion passed.

c. Philip de Mahy moved and Amber Hanson seconded to commit to a Committee of the Whole to rewrite Article VI. Ryan Norris moved and Fr. Charles Benoit seconded to approve the resulting language (see attached). Motion passed.

d. Nathan Ponzio moved and Daniel Petri seconded that the Senate approve Article VII of the revised Constitution.
   i. Philip de Mahy moved and Nathan Ponzio seconded that “a majority” be modified to “a 2/3 majority.” Amendment passed.
   ii. Motion passed.

e. Lawrence King moved and Philip de Mahy seconded that the anti-hazing clause as presented by Joshua Canzona be added to Article 1. Motion passed.

f. Daniel Petri moved and Amber Hanson moved that the non-discrimination clause as presented by Joshua Canzona be added to Article 1.
   i. Fr. Charles Benoit moved and Nathan Ponzio seconded that “campus community” be replaced by “graduate community.” Amendment passed.
   ii. Amber Hanson moved and Tony Purcell seconded that “disability” be added to the list of descriptors. Amendment passed.
   iii. Lawrence King moved and Nicole Clery seconded that “We consider the development of a fully inclusive campus community to be one of our core responsibilities and” be removed. Motion withdrawn.
   iv. Carter Rawson moved and Joshua Canzona seconded that “We consider the development of a fully inclusive campus community to be one of our core responsibilities and” be replaced with “In the interest of a fully inclusive graduate community.” Amendment passed.
   v. Fr. Charles Benoit moved and Daniel Petri seconded that “their” be changed to “the.” Amendment passed.
   vi. Amber Hanson moved and Tony Purcell seconded that “immigration status” be added to the list of descriptors. Amendment failed.
   vii. Elizabeth Greeley moved and Nicole Clery seconded that “on the basis of” be replaced by “on any basis, including.” Amendment passed.
   viii. Jonathan Zappala moved and Philip de Mahy moved that the list of descriptors be removed. Amendment failed.
   ix. Motion passed
g. Philip de Mahy moved and Daniel Petri moved that “acting fully within the University’s mission statement and governing documents” be added to the end of the preamble. Motion passed.

VIII. Amber Hanson, on behalf of NCSSS, announced that a lecture regarding the death penalty, “Life After Death Row,” would be given in the McGivney Auditorium Monday, February 28th in the evening.

IX. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm. Next regular Senate meeting will be held in Pryzbyla 327 on March 21, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Thad E. Garrett
Secretary