MINUTES
The Graduate Student Association
The Catholic University of America
Senate Meeting - Regular
November 16, 2011 – 7:30 pm – McGivney 014

Members present:

Emily Alianello          Allie Dryden          James Lewis         Carter Rawson
Carol Anderson            Chris Dwyer          John Mickey         Brian Rice
William Buracker          Thad Garrett         Megan Mooney        Donald Sifuentes
Chloe Canton              Nadia Gomez          Louise Mundstock    Jufang Tseng
Ryann Craig               Vernice Grajeda       Ryan Norris         Jonathan Zappala
Philip de Mahy            Amber Hanson          Daniel Petri        
Elizabeth de Mahy          Bridget Ledford       Nathan Ponzio       

I. Meeting was called to order by President James Lewis at 7:31 pm.

II. Roll was called by Thad Garrett, Secretary.

III. Minutes from November 2 and Agenda approved.

IV. Prayer was offered by Jonathan Zappala.

V. Officer Reports

a. Academic Senator
   i. Announced theme for spring conference: “Service in Scholarship.” Also gave timeline for call for papers.
   ii. Announced that retreat will be replaced by a one-day event.

b. Secretary
   i. Reminded senators that appointment forms must be turned in for attendance to count toward rebate.
   ii. Announced that once all appointment forms are received, all represented departments will have earned rebate.

c. Treasurer
   i. Regular budget report; Balances as follows:
      GSA Senate $0.00
      Executive Committee $9,485.98
      Events ($1,350.44)
Lectures $11,949.05
Conferences $11,211.59
Public Relations $1,333.68

d. Vice President (submitted in advance)
   i. Reported that he has been investigating ways to make the campus more family-friendly, including changing stations and message boards (for babysitting).
   ii. Reported a suggestion from a student to arrange harassment training for graduate students.
   iii. Reported that he is still waiting for a decision from the President’s office regarding graduate student health insurance.
   iv. Asked that senators e-mail him directly with concerns and comments regarding advocacy.

e. President
   i. Attended Monroe Street Market groundbreaking on November 9.
   ii. Mid-Year Strategic Plan Report will be published January 11.
   iii. Ad hoc Philanthropy Committee has proposed a winter clothes drive and day of caroling at the Armed Forces Retirement Home on December 10.
   iv. Recommended that an election committee be created.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Conferences (no report)

b. Lectures
   i. Reported that a suggestion had been received from a student in NCSSS to host a GSA lecture regarding capital punishment.
   ii. Asked again for volunteers to form new lecture committee.

c. Parliamentarian (no report)

d. Public Relations
   i. Announced that submissions for the December 1 newsletter will be due November 28. Submissions for the January newsletter will be due January 5.

e. Social
   i. Summary of upcoming events.

VII. New Business
a. Daniel Petri moved and Allie Dryden seconded that an ad-hoc committee for elections be created to plan and execute this year’s elections. Motion passed.

VIII. Closing Announcements

IX. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm. Next regular Senate meeting will be held in McGivney 014 on January 18, 2012 at 7:30pm.

Thad E. Garrett
Secretary