MINUTES
The Graduate Student Association
The Catholic University of America
Senate Meeting - Regular
February 1, 2012 – 7:00 pm – Pryzbyla 327

Members present:

Emily Alianello  Philip de Mahy  Amber Hanson  Tony Purcell
Carol Anderson  Peter Furlong  Lawrence King  Carter Rawson
Rachel Berquist  Thad Garrett  James Lewis  Brian Rice
Angelique Brown  Erikk Geannikis  Pablo Martinez  Donald Sifuentes
William Buracker  Vernice Grajeda  Natalie McCabe  Jufang Tseng
Chloe Canton  Elizabeth Greeley  John Mickey  Jonathan Zappala
Joshua Canzona  David Grothoff  Ryan Norris
Elizabeth de Mahy  Jennifer Gullickson  Nathan Ponzio

I. Meeting was called to order by President James Lewis at 7:00 pm.

II. Presentation by Linda Dooley, President of the Bryce Harlow Foundation.

III. Open Forum: Colin Pears, Director of the Center for Academic Success (pears@cua.edu)

IV. Roll was called by Thad Garrett, Secretary.

V. Minutes from January 18 and Agenda approved.

VI. Prayer was offered by Jonathan Zappala.

VII. Officer Reports

a. Academic Senator
   i. Conference paper submission deadline has been extended to February 25.

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 (after $1,000 donation from TRS)  
Public Relations $1,333.68

d. Vice President  
   i. Met with Daniel Slick from the Dean of Students Office to discuss bike racks and other graduate student interests, specifically those commuter concerns.  
   ii. The Women’s Issues Committee has six members that are discussing goals and potential advocacy items.  
   iii. Met with Steve Kreider regarding the university speaker and presentation policy.

e. President  
   i. Executive Committee will be preparing by-laws.  
   ii. Women’s Issues Committee still needs a chair.  
   iii. Committee on Elections has approved rules and will begin advertising for nominations soon.  
   iv. Committee on Philanthropy chair Rodney Still, Jr. has resigned his position. The committee has been disbanded and Campus Ministries will lead our philanthropy efforts.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Conferences  
   i. Fifteen awards have been promised for the spring semester as of 1/27. $9,119.09 remains for future awards.

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

c. Lectures  
   i. The Lectures budget has been exhausted due to a larger than expected volume of requests for the Spring 2012 semester.  
   ii. The Lectures Committee has a new member, Trevor Crowell of TRS.

d. Parliamentarian  
   i. Changes passed in previous meeting have been made.

e. Public Relations  
   i. Elections Committee will begin accepting nominations soon.
IX. Old Business

a. Lawrence King moved and Nathan Ponzio seconded that the Senate approve Article II of the revised Constitution.
   i. Lawrence King moved to amend and Donald Sifuentes seconded that “and each senator actively serves on one committee per semester” be removed from Section 5. Amendment passed.
   ii. Lawrence King moved to amend and William Buracker seconded that a section be added that states business can only occur if quorum is met; that quorum be defined as 50% plus one (or majority) of all appointed senators present; AND that a simple majority be required for a vote to pass unless otherwise stated in the bylaws. Amendment passed.
   iii. Motion passed.

b. John Mickey moved and Peter Furlong seconded that the Senate approve Article III of the revised Constitution.
   i. John Mickey moved to amend and Erik Geannikis seconded that Section 1 read “The Executive Council is a body appointed by the Executive Committee...” Amendment passed.
   ii. Amber Hanson moved to amend and Lawrence King seconded that Section 1.A state “A Council member also may not serve as a senator for his department.” Amendment passed.
   iii. Brian Rice moved to amend and Ryan Norris seconded that Section 6 be moved to Article IV. Amendment passed.
   iv. John Mickey moved to amend and Brian Rice seconded that Section 3 shall read “...the president shall appoint the Executive Council members, and the Executive Committee shall confirm the appointment.” Amendment passed.
   v. Brian Rice moved to amend and Amber Hanson seconded that Section 7 be moved to Section 6.C. Motion withdrawn.
   vi. John Mickey moved to amend and Brian Rice seconded that Section 7 to Section 2.A. Amendment passed.
   vii. Motion passed.

c. Ryan Norris moved and William Buracker seconded that the senate approve Article IV of the revised Constitution.
   i. Brian Rice moved to amend and William Buracker seconded that Section 1.A read “...for graduate students that present at or attend...” Motion withdrawn.
   ii. Donald Sifuentes moved to amend and Erik Geannikis seconded that Section 1.A read “...for graduate students that participate in...” Amendment passed.
   iii. Philip de Mahy moved to amend and Erik Geannikis seconded that Section 3.B be removed. Amendment passed.
   iv. Amber Hanson moved to amend and Brian Rice seconded that the Women’s Issues committee be designated as a standing committee. Amendment failed.
v. Lawrence King moved to amend and Erik Geannikis seconded that a line be included that states “Other standing committees may be created as prescribed in the bylaws.” Motion withdrawn.

vi. Joshua Canzona moved and William Buracker seconded that the motion be tabled and that the article be sent back to committee for revision. Motion tabled.

X. Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm. Next regular Senate meeting will be held in Pryzbyla 327 on February 15, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Thad E. Garrett
Secretary