MINUTES
The Graduate Student Association
The Catholic University of America
Senate Meeting - Regular
March 30, 2011 – 7:30 pm – Pryzbyla 331

Members present:

Fr. Charles Benoit   Ann Davis   Denny Macko   Patrick Rooney
Marcel Brown        Allie Dryden  Leigh Montejo  Blythe Shepard
Carla Burns         Joe Forte    Louise Mundstock Anneliese Striz
Chloe Canton         Blythe Fox   Kristina Murfin Megan Treacy
Joshua Canzona      Thad Garrett Ryan Norris  Edmund Walsh
Elizabeth De Mahy    Nelly Lambert Dcn. Jim Pearce Jonathan Zappala
Philip De Mahy       James Lewis  Brian Rice    Mary Zito

I. Meeting was called to order by President Marcel Brown at 7:38 pm. (However, President-Elect James Lewis chaired the meeting.)

II. Roll was called by Secretary Thad Garrett.

III. Prayer was offered by Deacon Jim Pearce.

IV. Minutes from March 16 Regular Meeting were approved with two abstentions.

V. Officer Reports

a. Academic Senator
   i. Explained that the undergraduate accept rate will be lowered at the advice of President Garvey. Also, the senate discussed the universities Catholic identity and how that identity influences the university as a whole.

b. Secretary
   i. Expressed gratitude to all who voted in the recent election.

c. Treasurer (Given by James Lewis)
   i. Gave regular update
   ii. Handed out departmental statements

d. Vice President
   i. Expressed gratitude to all who helped make the conference possible.
   ii. Reminded all to participate in and/or donate to the Relay for Life.
e. President (given by Marcel Brown)
   i. Displayed gifts and door prizes to be given out at conference.
   ii. Reported on the productive meetings with retreat master and Father Jude.

f. Conferences Chair
   i. Regular Update
   ii. Answered questions regarding possible revision to existing procedures to reflect Accounts Payable reimbursement policy.

g. Lectures
   i. Regular Update

h. Parliamentarian
   i. Reminded that the revisions will be postponed until next year

i. Social Chair
   i. Regular Update

VI. Senator Reports

a. Psychology, Nursing, and TRS – Expressed gratitude for lounge improvements

VII. Old Business (none to report)

VIII. New Business

a. Mary Zito moved and Anneliese Striz seconded that the election results be approved. Motion passed with two abstentions.

IX. Open Forum

a. President Marcel Brown reminded that the “Transition Banquet” would take place April 9.

X. Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm. Next regular Senate meeting will be held in Pryzbyla 331 on April 6, 2011.

Thad E. Garrett
Secretary