MINUTES
The Graduate Student Association
The Catholic University of America
Senate Meeting - Regular
May 4, 2011 – 7:30 pm – Pryzbyla 352

Members present:

Josh Abbotoy  Joe Forte  Louise Mundstock  Megan Treacy
Emily Alianello  Blythe Fox  Kristina Murfin  Edmund Walsh
Fr. Charles Benoit  Peter Furlong  Ryan Norris  Jonathan Zappala
Angelique Brown  Thad Garrett  Carter Rawson  Mary Zito
Chloe Canton  Nelly Lambert  Brian Rice  Helen Horn-Mitchem
Elizabeth De Mahy  James Lewis  Fr. Jim Sabak  Lisa Campbell

I. Meeting was called to order by President James Lewis at 7:41 pm.

II. Roll was called by Secretary Thad Garrett.

III. Minutes from March 30 and Agenda approved.

IV. Prayer was offered by Fr. Jim Sabak.

V. Officer Reports

a. Academic Senator (Given by Josh Abbotoy)
   i. Summarized Fr. Jude’s report on how Campus Ministries has been working with graduate students.
   ii. Announced that Speaker of the House John Boehner will be commencement speaker.

b. Secretary
   i. Apologized for recent miscommunication over cancelled meetings.

c. Treasurer (Given by James Lewis)
   i. Gave regular update
   ii. Commented on Fiscal End of Year and departmental rebates
   iii. Asked that UEFs be e-mailed to Joshua Canzona (70canzona@cardinalmail.cua.edu) as PDF attachments during the summer.

d. Vice President (Given by Nelly Lambert)
   i. Reviewed Excerpts from Annual Report (prepared by Marcel Brown).
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e. President
   i. Announced creation of Strategic Plan. (See attached.)
   ii. Reviewed the 2011-2012 tentative schedule. (See attached.)

f. Conferences Chair
   i. Regular Update
   ii. Asked that all paperwork be e-mailed to both Peter Furlong (68furlong@cardinalmail.cua.edu) and Fr. Jim Sabak (29sabak@cardinalmail.cua.edu) during the summer.

g. Lectures (Given by James Lewis)
   i. Regular Update

h. Parliamentarian (No Report)

i. Director of Public Relations
   i. Explained interest to improve GSA presence on campus and improve communications and usefulness of website.
   ii. Gave e-mail address for contact: 98alianello@cardinalmail.cua.edu.

j. Social Chair (Given by Nelly Lambert and Brian Rice)
   i. Regular Update
   ii. Shared Event ideas
   iii. Explained that Study Group initiative is on hold until budget is ready

VI. Old Business (none to report)

VII. New Business (none to report)

VIII. Installation of New Appointees
   i. Peter Furlong was sworn in as Conference Chair
   ii. Emily Alianello was sworn in as Director of Public Relations

IX. Open Forum

a. Mary Zito urged that the Senate make policy changes regarding conference reimbursements early and publicize them well so that students do not wait too long to submit receipts.

b. Chloe Canton reported that she had been in touch with piano staff and a distributor to find good deals on a piano. She noted that since the budget surplus was not greater than $35,000, the motion to purchase a piano for the Pryzbyla Center would need to be brought before the Senate again, and that she planned to do so in September.
X. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm. Next regular Senate meeting will be held in Pryzbyla 327 on September 7, 2011.

Thad E. Garrett
Secretary