I. Meeting was called to order by President James Lewis at 7:34 pm.

II. Roll was called by Brian Rice, acting as Secretary in Thad Garrett’s absence.

III. The Senate was sworn in.

IV. Minutes from May 4 and Agenda approved.

V. Prayer was offered by Marcel Brown.

VI. A presentation was given by Christine Sportes, AVP/Chief Human Resources Officer, and Mindy Linowes, Broker, regarding Student Health Insurance. A question and answer forum followed. It was later decided that a focus group under the direction of Joshua Canzona would be formed.

VII. Officer Reports

a. Academic Senator (No Report)

b. Secretary (Given by Brian Rice)
   i. Please submit appointment forms.

   c. Treasurer
      i. Announced that budget was approved by senate.
ii. Reported that budgets were in place for committees.
iii. Reported that departmental rebates had been distributed.
iv. Reported that a focus group would be created to discuss the loss of independent coverage on student insurance.

d. Vice President
   i. Reported the outcome of summertime meetings with President Garvey, Provost Brennan, Bishop Nkou of Kumbo in Cameroon, Fr. Michael Niba, Vice Chancellor of The Catholic University of Cameroon.
   ii. Reported that the 2010-11 GSA Organization Profile had been shared with key members of the President's Council and with other key members of the administration in an effort to stimulate conversation about graduate students' involvement and needs.
   iii. Announced Music GSA's donation of a baby grand piano over the summer.
   iv. Relayed President Garvey's request for recommendations for honorary degrees.

e. President
   i. Announced Executive Committee Strategic Plan is now available on website.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Conferences
   i. Reminded that a 15-day limit is in place for submitting receipts for reimbursement.
   ii. Reported that due to large volume of applications (62 during summer alone), a decision was made to reduce caps and impose a yearly limit per recipient.
   iii. Reported that budget was exhausted. Marcel Brown also suggested that senators contribute departmental funds to the conferences budget. Several other ideas were also discussed.

b. Lectures
   i. Reported that website had been updated.
   ii. Reported that applicants must meet with chair in person.
   iii. Reported that more detailed advice for inviting a lecturer will be provided soon.
   iv. Reported that GSA will host 2 campus-wide lectures.
   v. Reported that a new focus will be made toward Professional Development.

c. Parliamentarian
   i. Reported that the constitution will be revised with the help of an ad hoc committee.

d. Public Relations
   i. Reported on the Welcome Reception held for new graduate students.
   ii. Reported that a new section of the website will be created that will share helpful information and resources for graduate students.
IX. Senator Reports

a. Greek/Latin – “Brown Bag” series will be hosted to foster graduate student collaboration.
b. History – annual lecture will be hosted.
c. Physics – focus to increase student participation in GSA events.
d. Psychology – focus to increase student participation in GSA events.
e. Semitics – plans to create a departmental Facebook page.
f. SLIS – plans to reach-out to commuter students.
g. Music – has donated funds to renovate and landscape rear courtyard of Ward Hall; also encouraged senators to consider joining the Town and Gown Chorus (see attached).
h. Nursing – plans to conduct a service project.
i. Philosophy – plans to host lecture series and conference; increase social events.
j. TRS – plans to host 4 lectures each semester.
k. NCSSS – will host a mentor/mentee lunch, holiday party; create Facebook and Twitter accounts; and host a guest lecturer.
l. Medieval & Byzantine Studies – plans to host a lecture.

X. Old Business (none to report)

XI. New Business

a. Marcel Brown moved that the GSA sponsor a donation of old books to the Catholic University of Cameroon and cover the roughly $500 needed for shipping costs; William Buracker seconded. Motion Passed.
b. John Mickey moved that an ad hoc committee be created to revise the constitution; Ryan Norris seconded. Motion Passed.
c. Peter Furlong moved that $4,000 be moved from the executive committee budget to the conferences budget; Mary Zito-Smith seconded. Motion Passed.

XII. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. Next regular Senate meeting will be held in the Pryzbyla Center on September 21, 2011 at 7:30pm.

Thad E. Garrett
Secretary