Senate Meeting
The Graduate Student Association
September 1, 2010
Pryzbyla 327
Minutes

Members present:

Fr. Charles Benoit  Patrick Rooney  Marcel Brown
Carla Burns  Fr. Jim Sabak  Joe Forte
Joshua Canzona  Annaliese Striz  James Lewis
Blythe Fox  Kia Smith  Michelle Lubatti
Jennifer Gullickson  Megan Treacy  Eleanore Lambert
Leigh Montejo  Edmund Walsh  Blythe Shepard
Louise Mundstock  Kostas Xiromeritis  Josh Abbotoy
Ryan Norris  Mary Zito
Dcn. Jim Pearce

Meeting scheduled start: 7:30 p.m.
Meeting actual start: 7:39 p.m.

I. Reports

Social:
- Events Calendar for 2010-2011
- Crabfest 2010
- Request that senators advertise these events over their programs’ listservs

Vice President:
- Report on graduate student orientation
- Interdisciplinary Conference: draft of call for papers, senators asked to encourage colleagues who have written or presented on similar topics to submit their papers

Treasurer:
- Audit report (as of August 31, 2010)
- Brief history of GSA finances over past several years
- Every two weeks updates on the budget and current amounts for each department/school will be given

Secretary – no report

Academic Senator – no report
Conferences:
  - Presentation on how conference reimbursement works
  - Notices of any changes to previous proposal and reimbursement practices

Lectures:
  - Presentation on the new system for requesting funding for lectures

President:
  - Attention called to current openings on the Executive Committee
  - Proposed logo, with motto, name and shield
  - Asked senators to think of ways to spend extra funds in the budget that are not already allotted to specific uses
  - Review of the rebate system

II. New Business
  - Confirmation of the Secretary: Motion made by Mary Zito, seconded by Kia Smith, and adopted that Michelle Lubatti be confirmed as the Secretary for 2010-2011.
  - AY 2010-2011 (FY 2011) Operating Budget: Motion made by James Lewis, seconded by Kia Smith, and carried “to adopt AY 2010-2011 (FY 2011) operating budget.”
  - Compensation Act of 2010: James Lewis moved “to lay on the table for two weeks.”
  - Ratification of the New Logo: After debate, Fr. Charles Benoit moved to table.
  - Rain precautions for Crabfest: Motion made by Josh Abbotoy, seconded by James Lewis, and adopted after amendment “to allocate $6,000 from Senate allocations line item to order tents as they see fit.”

Meeting end time: 9:00 p.m.