Senate Meeting
The Graduate Student Association
November 17, 2010
Pryzbyla 351
Minutes

Members present:

Fr. Charles Benoit
Carla Burns
Chloe Canton
Joshua Canzona
Anna Carstens
Ann Davis
Philip Demahy
Allie Dryden
Blythe Fox
Thad Garrett
Daniel Gerstenfield
Mimsi Janis
Zdenko Macko
Louise Mundstock
Dcn. Jim Pearce
Dan Pierson
Patrick Rooney
Fr. Jim Sabak
Megan Treacy
Edmund Walsh
Kostas Xiromeritis
Jonathan Zappala
Mary Zito
Marcel Brown
Joe Forte
James Lewis
Michelle Lubatti
Stephanie Cole
Eleanor Lambert
Blythe Shepard

Meeting scheduled start: 7:30 p.m.
Meeting actual start: 7:35 p.m.

I. Prayer

II. Minutes approved

III. Reports

Treasurer

- Budget amendment to be proposed under new business, due to additional funds which are not longer transferred to the Law school
- Distribution of rebate funding will begin for departments/schools that have achieved active representation

Vice President

- Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference: Reminder to promote the conference among fellow students
- Proposal/discussion of interest and suggestions for graduate student service projects

Secretary – none

Academic Senators - none

Lectures

- Budget update
- Note: When lectures are approved for funding, requestors will be placed in contact with Stephanie to arrange promotional assistance. If requestors are not senators, the department senators will be CC’d on these emails.

Conferences

- Budget update
- Discussion of Fall 2010 burn rate and fund availability for Spring 2011

Social

- Budget update: an additional allotment of funds would allow cancelled on-campus events to be reinstated
- Event attendance: most events allow for 15-20 attendees, and waitlists have been averaging 1-2 dozen people in addition to the attendees

Public Relations

- Recap of last week's Google Analytics statistics for the website
- Events are already well-attended; PR will focus on promoting the Lectures and Conferences Committees
- PR giveaway table in the Pryz: 40 students attended, receiving fliers and free promotional items
- More giveaway items, a table runner and a banner will be ordered – items are ordered from 4imprint.com: please contact Stephanie with recommendations for the next order
- Banner for the March for Life proposed: Discussion of using a specialized banner (“Graduate students for life”), using a standard GSA banner, and other options

Parliamentarian

- Proposed Constitutional Revision: Content will remain the same, but form will be re-arranged so the Constitution and By-laws are more functional. A formal revision will be proposed in January.

President

- Elections for 2011-2012: An up-coming proposal will recommend having the elections earlier in the Spring semester to allow for greater overlap of officers.
- Events calendar is contributing to graduate student community development. Example: a student on the Fall 2010 hike invited everyone at the event over for Thanksgiving dinner.
- Graduate student lounge spaces: A proposal to Campus Activities will be presented next meeting for Senate review
- Graduate student lockers are available at Mullen library, 3rd floor.

IV. Old Business - none

V. New Business

- November 2010 Budget Amendment: After discussion, motion to table made by Mary Zito, seconded by Dcn. Jim Pearce, and adopted by majority vote. A detailed breakdown of the
Conferences, Lectures and Social Committee spending for Fall 2010 will be presented next meeting.

VI. Open Forum

- Discussion of conference funding policies, particularly the reasoning behind giving students a year after a conference to submit for funding, and a suggestion to require international attendees to apply prior to their conference date.

Meeting end time: 8:50 p.m.