

GPSG Senate Minutes: October 22, 2009

Group Attendance:

Present: CSGSA, OSGA, IOPGA, EGSA, UEC, ASPE, HPGSA, ECEGA, MTB, Ed-Lead, ABGS, MASS, GSWA, GTU, SPO, CHESO, GHA, CCI Grads, MGSA, MPASG, ANGS, GPHA, GPPA, ACGS

Executive: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Outreach

Absent: GSA, SMBAA, SPIE, AHGSC

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM.
 - a. Josh reported that there would be a change in running the meetings. For the next few meetings the Vice President or the Secretary will be running the meetings.
 - b. Attendance was collected by sign-in sheet, and quorum was obtained.
 - i. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes: APPROVED
 - ii. Motion to accept the minutes as written: APPROVED
- 2) Officer & Committee Reports
 - a. President's Report
 - i. Josh reported on his meeting with Dean Reynolds. Josh stated that the meeting went extremely well and Dean Reynolds is very supportive of the Graduate Student Body.
 - ii. In lieu of Pilar Zuber's absence Josh re-stated the highlights from the long memo that was sent out regarding the Student Health Services update. Josh recommended that everyone get the flu shot.
 - iii. Josh announced that he would be re-scheduling another date for the President's meeting as several people were unable to make the meetings last week.
 - iv. Josh also stated that the Grad Life Center advisory board positions were almost filled. Only a representative from the College of Business is missing. Katherine Hall-Hertel will be contacting the representatives about the first meeting.
 - b. Vice President's Report
 - i. Josh announced a new charter to be voted on as Justin was not present. Josh introduced Mandy Jo Spinetto as the representative of Mu Tau Beta. Mandy introduced the purposed of the organization and then the floor was open to questions. Several senators commented on the fact that there should not be a GPA restriction in the MTB constitution as that violated GPSG By-laws. Josh added that the MTB constitution has been updated to reflect that changed, but Mandy was unaware of his conversations with the MTB

president. A motion to approve MTB's charter contingent upon the adjustment prevention GPA exclusion was made and a unanimous vote was made to approve MTB.

- ii. Justin arrived to provide an update on the research fair. Justin announced that a new partnership with 5/3rd Bank has been developed and they will be contributing to the Research Fair. Justin asked that the senators begin thinking about joining/encouraging other members to join the Judge's Committee. If anyone is interested in recruiting judges from on campus and off they should contact Justin at gpsqvicepresident@uncc.edu
- iii. Justin also announced that shortly he would be recruiting people for the Abstract Review Committee. This committee will have a 4 hour meeting to discuss the review process as a whole to determine the best avenue for vetting abstracts before the applications are considered. Justin asked that you spread this around to other students who would like to be involved.
- iv. Finally, Justin announced that we do have an active website for the Research Fair. He thanked CCI Grads for their generous donation of time and effort on this project

c. Treasurer's Report

- i. Sarah gave a financial update:

Travel Fund:

Number of travelers:	69
Orgs with travelers:	17
At-large travelers:	5
Total \$\$ allocated:	\$26,564.50
Amount remaining:	\$19,435.50

Event Fund:

Total \$\$ Spent:	\$119.41
Amount remaining:	\$15,380.59

d. Secretary's Report

- i. Ashley announced that she will be meeting with Volunteer Services to get a variety of options for volunteer events, but as of now we have an opportunity to participated in a Habitat for Humanity Build
 1. October 31st-Grad Life Fellows Hosting
 2. 7:30AM-4PM
 3. Drive yourself to determine your own schedule

4. Ashley has directions near airport
 5. Wear your UNCC Gear
 6. Contact Laura Barr lahildre@uncc.edu if interested
 - ii. If your group would like to participate in this event, please contact Laura Barr. Ashley also announced that she would accept volunteer event proposal forms retroactively for this event.
 - iii. Ashley also asked the senate if anyone was experiencing communication issues. The senate did not voice any issues.
 - e. Outreach Report
 - i. Javid reported that he received contact from the Campus News via Philip Brown. The statement encouraged our business with them. Campus news will be open to including GPSG news as long as it GPSG is sponsoring events open to faculty and staff <http://www.publicrelations.uncc.edu/campusnews/current/>
 - ii. Javid also announced that he current had no reply from the University Times/Niner Online Newspaper
 - iii. The Graduate Student Orientation that was to take place in Spring 2010 is now moving to an online format. Javid is putting together ideas for how we can still participate and promote our organizations by brochures or website links.
3. Old Business
- a. Ashley announced that we only have one submission for the T-shirt contest. The deadline for submission is November 5th. If you need graphics from GPSG please email Ashley at gpsgsecretary@uncc.edu
 - b. Kashif Sharif from CCI Grads reported from the Webmaster Committee. The committee met and decided that this position should be included in GPSGs infrastructure. The title of the position should be Chief Technology Officer. The CTO would be a non-paid position at least for now. The CTO would receive volunteer points for their efforts. The CTO would be responsible for updating the GPSG website, which includes uploading forms, putting up banners, updating the main pages etc. The position should require around 2 hours/week of work. The CTO would only be working on the GPSG page and not other organizations. A motion to approve this position was made and the senate unanimously approved the Chief Technology Officer position with the committee's recommendations on duties. The Website Committee will now be meeting to start the search for a CTO.
 - c. The constitution/by-laws committee has no report
4. New Business
- a. Ashley announced that ABGS is sponsoring a blood drive. The event will be Thursday November 5th from 1:30-4:30PM. The bloodmobile will be parked between COED and Woodward Hall. If you are interested in donating blood please go online to www.cbcc.us/donate and enter [Biology1](#) as the sponsor code
 - b. Ashley also announced that if your group has an event that you would like advertised you should feel free to advertise at the senate meetings.

5. Announcements and Questions
 - a. No announcements/questions were voiced from the senate
6. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM