

GPSG Senate Minutes: November 5, 2009

Group Attendance:

Present: MGSA, AHGSC, GSWA, UEC, CSGSA, ECEGA, CHESO, ACGS, MPASG, ANGS, MASS, ASPE, IOPGA, GHA, GTU, ABGS, SPIE, GPPA, EDLEAD, CCI GRADS, OSGA, HPGSA, GPHA

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

Absent: EGSA, GPPA, GSA, MTB, SMBAA, SPO

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Ashley at 5:32 PM.
- 2) Attendance was collected by sign-in sheet, and quorum was obtained.
 - a) b. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes: APPROVED
 - b) Motion to accept the minutes as written: APPROVED
- 3) Javaid introduced a guest speaker from the University Times---Ryan Freeman
 - a) Ryan introduced the opportunities that GPSG would have in terms of publishing articles in the paper. We could run a regular or bi-weekly column and it would be placed in the opinion section of the paper. The column would be approximately 500-600 words. The columns would be written by us and then submitted for copy edit. All groups are encouraged to write and send their columns to Javaid as a means of communication. Please email all questions to Javaid at gpsgoutreach@gmail.com. Deadlines are in place that require you to send in the columns the Thursday before a Sunday review. We also have the opportunity to have items posted on the calendar section. If any groups are having events they should email them to Javaid, who will then contact Ryan about the posting. Ryan also indicated that groups can participate in paid advertising in the University Times.
- 4) Officer & Committee Reports
 - a) President's Report
 - (1) Josh announced that GPSG would be guest speakers on the following dates:
 - (a) Allie Shukraft, Past President 11/19/09
 - (b) Dr. Stanley Wilder 12/3/09
 - (2) Josh informed the senate that GPSG would be taking a stance on the thesis and dissertation formatting issues facing graduate students. The senate did discuss how some departments are working with templates to format their dissertation. Some departments are using this program Lytix and having issues with the Graduate School, while others are finding it accepted. The senate voiced their opinions in favor of having a Microsoft Word based template to use as well. After speaking with Mike Forney, Josh felt that forming an ad-hoc committee to discuss the major issues would be best before approaching the Graduate School. Andy Schmidt from ECEGA and Javaid from Outreach/IOPGA both volunteer for this position.
 - (3) Recently Josh has met with Jay Dominick, the head of Information and Technology for UNCC, is putting together a committee to discuss the

possibility of UNCC switching from our current webmail system to a platform like Google mail. This committee is in need of student representation. Senators asked for benefits of this switch. Increased space and document sharing capabilities were among those listed by Josh and others. Anyone interested in this serving on this committee should contact Josh at gpsgpresident@uncc.edu

b) Vice President's Report

i) Research Fair Update

- (1) Justin announced that planning for the research fair was going well. The website is currently up and running. The initial call for abstracts has gone out in email form. Ashley will also be forwarding this message to all groups on our lists. Justin asked that senators start spreading the word for abstract submission/participation in the research fair. 5/3rd bank and CMC have both donated 500 dollars to the research fair. Justin would like to also ask that senators continue to think about judges to recommend for the fair as well as participate on a committee to go through the submitted abstracts. This meeting will take place on a Saturday for 3 hours and GPSG will provide some refreshments. Justin emphasized again that for all of these requests we encourage you to go to your groups to find people to volunteer, we know you can't do everything.

c) Treasurer's Report

i) SUAB Report-

- (1) Student Art Showcase, started Nov 1
- (2) Room Rental Rates are being discussed
- (3) Chartwells is interested in hosting a Farmers' Market inside the union
- (4) Apple Store will be fully open in full capacity in January
- (5) Advertising opportunities are available in the Student Union and groups should take advantage of these areas:
 - (a) Flyers, digital, elevator, info desk
- (6) Homecoming dates will be Feb 12-20
 - (a) You may subscribed to an online calendar to see the events
 - (b) Game: Xavier vs. UNCC

ii) Finance Committee-

- (1) Operational Budget Reports
 - (a) Due date extended to Nov 19th
- (2) Online forms are currently being updated
- (3) Sarah reminded everyone that all signs advertising and event that is using GPSG funds must have the GPSG and SAFC logs on them

d) Secretary's Report

i) Ashley gave an update on the current attendance record

- (1) Attendance Update
 - (a) 1- GPPA, SPO (AHGSC absence corrected)
 - (b) 2- GSA, SPIE
 - (c) 3 -SMBAA

- ii) Volunteer Points Update
 - (1) Ashley thanked everyone who volunteered at the Habitat for Humanity Build. The sign-in sheet can not be found, so please remember to submit volunteer point proposals. These forms can be found online at: <http://www.sco.uncc.edu/gpsg/Treasurer/Forms.asp>. They will be accepted retroactively. Ashley also reminded everyone that each group must obtain a total of 8 points by the end of the year and 2 must come from GPSG sponsored events.
- iii) Ashley also asked if there were any communication issues. No matters were brought from the senate.
- e) Outreach Report
 - i) Javaid restated that those interested in the column opportunity in the University Times should contact him
- 5) Old Business
 - a) CTO position-Ashley announced that they are currently turning the suggestions from the ad-hoc committee into an advertisement for the description. Kashif from CCI Grads also announced that they had 2 potential applicants for this position. If any senator knows someone who may be interested in this position they are encouraged to contact Ashley at gpsgsecretary@uncc.edu
 - b) T-shirt Contest- The deadline has been extended to December 3rd to promote more submissions.
- 6) New Business
 - a) Ashley announced that there are a few workshops coming up that would benefit all of us greatly
 - i) **Electronic Dissertation Submission:** Dr. Kent Curran, Senior Associate Dean in the Grad School will be facilitating this session. It's next Wednesday the 11th from 9:30 am-11:30 am, location Cato Hall
 - ii) **Community of Science Online Database:** Susan Robinson of Research & Federal Relations (UNC Charlotte). This workshop will be the 18th from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, location COED 005
 - iii) More info and registration details can be found at:
<http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/grad-life/professional-development-/16.html>
- 7) Announcements and Questions
 - a) Tiffany from ASPE announced that they are having a resume workshop tomorrow in Duke room 207 from 1:30-3:30 PM. Professionals will be there to critique resumes as well as give advice.
- 8) The meeting was adjourned at 6:17PM