Graduate Student Government
General Assembly Meeting
January 23, 2012
6:30-7:30pm Ashurst, A109
Meet-me-line: (928) 523-9119

Begin: 6:30PM

Members Present:
GSG Executive Members: Johan Bodaski, Michael Cook, Moussa Tankari, Stacie Leach, Ramona Mellott
GSG Representatives: David Boyse, Jessica Collins, Adam Lockwood, Rebecca McIlvaine, Charlie Truettner, Sangeeta Vijayagopalan, Emily Wells, Kelly Weston

Members Absent:
GSG Representatives: Mily Gomez, Miranda Gonzalez, Lee Sullivan, David Vaillencourt

6:30-6:40  Jeff from the Department of Biology
  Regarding payment for Jorge Cham last year. He never filled out the correct paperwork and their ASNAU funding disappeared after the fiscal year end. What are the processes to receive funding ($3,000 speaker fee + $342 for travel)? Took place in April and were billed in December. No formal written contract through Student Life. Dean Mellott will call and get more information to see how we should proceed.

6:40-6:45PM  Establish General Assembly Spring meeting times
  Until Spring Break: 6:30 on Mondays, then will move to Tuesdays (Time:TBD)
  February 6th, Monday, 6:30-7:30PM
  February 20th, Monday, 6:30-7:30PM
  March 5th, Monday, 6:30-7:30PM
  March 19, Tuesday, TBD
  April 2nd, Tuesday, TBD
  April 16th, Tuesday, TBD
  April 30th, Tuesday, TBD

6:45-6:53PM  Social Committee, Rebecca McIlvaine
  • 1899 “Welcome Back/Welcome New Students” Happy Hour 6-8PM, Wednesday, 1/25
  • Wednesday, 1/25, 4-5PM – Open constituency forum hosted by David Boyse in Havasupai C
  • Brown Bag Lunch discussion on financial aid in 2-3 weeks (on a Wednesday) – Look for more information coming soon!
  • Raquetball/Squash Graduate Club

6:53-6:55PM  Budget & Travel Awards, Moussa Tankari
  • 3 applications for travel awards thus far
  • If you are ordering food for your forums, please make sure all information is correct after receiving the catering invoice. There have been some mix-ups.

6:55-6:57PM  Arizona Students’ Association, ASA Director - Chris
  • Student Regent – Deadline is January 25th
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- Lobby Conference (February 3-5, ASU Downtown)
  - Teaches you how to interact with politicians in preparation for Lobby Day.
- Lobby Day (February 6)
- ASA meeting this weekend. Some changes will be discussed and will be brought back to the next meeting. If anyone is interested in the proposed changes, please let Chris know and he will email them to you.

NAGPS Western Regional Conference
- Committee meeting January 26 10-10:30am (Ashurst A101A)
- Western Region Leadership Positions available (Communication, Marketing, Outreach, etc.)

6:57-7:10PM   NAU Strategic Planning, GSG Executive Team
- Student Leadership Retreat
  - The executive team had the opportunity to meet with President Haeger, Vice President Bousquet, Provost Grobsmith, and other administrators with student leaders to discuss the current climate and future of NAU. Much of what was discussed included the pledge program, student retention/attrition, new facilities/upgrades, student success initiatives, the role of technology in teaching & learning, athletics, and campus safety.
  - The GSG mission of enhancing graduate education, in turn enhancing undergraduate education was a main focus point during round-table discussions as most discussion focused on the undergraduate population.

7:10-7:12PM   Website Strategic Planning Session Recap
- We are working with Marketing to upgrade to the new university CMS. Including direction, we have discussed how can we make the content applicable to graduate students. A brainstorming session was conducted with marketing employees on what content should be highlighted as well as the organization. This is a 4 month process, so we are hoping to have the new site up and running at the end of the semester (late April/early March).

7:12-7:17PM   Grievance Policy & Student Worker, Michael Cook
- Met with Dan Kane but there is not much new with the Grievance Policy other than he wants to collaborate with the faculty rights and responsibility group.
- Student worker position was posted on Gateway Connects. Job #12039. Please encourage people to apply.

7:17-7:25PM   GSG Elections, Michael Cook
- Nominations due Friday, March 23rd, Campaign until voting opens on the 2nd of April. Voting will end April 4th.
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• Please help with recruiting. How can we craft a great email about descriptions of standing committees so that we can recruit those that are interested in committees.
• If possible, bring someone to our Open House on February 20th when nominations will open.
• Summary:
  February 20th – “GSG Open House” and Nominations open  
  March 23rd – Nominations Due  
  March 24th - April 2nd – Campaign Week  
  April 2nd-4th – Elections

7:25-7:37PM  Graduate College
• Working on new policies:  
• No official transcripts at the time of application  
• Incomplete grade policy – Now professors can change the grade if necessary  
• Awarding of graduate certificates – No applying for a certificate graduation (less paperwork)  
• Dissertation task force – tightening the process (i.e. who can serve on a committee, elections)  
• Committee on Research integrity – required for funding that the faculty and student must complete research integrity training  
• Anyone who wants to join UGC... Please do!!! We need a more students at the table to get our voice heard.  
  o Meets the last Monday of the month, 1-2:30PM – contact Dean Mellott or Sophia for more information or to get on the mailing list.

7:37-7:40PM  Constituent Meeting Progress and Questions  
Share best practice, COE Kelly Weston and Adam Lockwood

The Spring Up and Up
Speakers for Spring 2012  
Recruiting next years leadership & Elections  
1899 Grill January 25 6-8 pm  
Brown Bag Lunch  
Communicating allocation funding available to graduate students  
Other ideas?

End: 7:44 PM