

**GRADUATE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING
Monday, October 6, 2008**

Presiding:

Mrs. Arlene Lucibello, GSAC Advisor

Present:

Scott Talpey	Miguel Perez Cabello
Melissa Ceraso	Mark Fisher
Mark Sivak	Marcus Jeffries
Chantelle Shimono	Amanda Reynolds
Erin Greenwood	Dr. Misty Ginicola
Leanne McEvoy	Dean Sandra Holley
Arlene Lucibello	Dr. Sean Grace
Dr. Shea	Dr. Kenneth Florey

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Arlene Lucibello at 3:05 pm.

By roll call, she confirmed the voting members present. The members of GSAC introduced themselves to the group.

New Business:

1. Approval of the 2008-2009 GSAC budget

Mrs. Lucibello made the motion to approve the 2008-2009 budget. Dr. Sean Grace seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

2. Nominations for the position of GSAC chairperson and vice chairperson

Scott Talpey nominated himself for the position of chairperson and Mark Sivak nominated himself for the position of vice chairperson. Mrs. Lucibello made the motion to nominate Scott Talpey and Mark Sivak for the positions of GSAC chairperson and vice chairperson. Dr. Florey seconded the motion, and all members voted to elect Scott Talpey as chairperson and Mark Sivak as vice chairperson.

3. Request for GSAC funding for the Women's Studies Conference

Kathryn D'Antonio presented a proposal for \$1,250.00 of funding from GSAC for the Women's Studies Conference. Dean Holley made a motion to provide up to the amount of \$1,500.00 in funding for the conference dependent upon attendance. Dr. Grace seconded the motion and the motion was passed. Dr. Grace made a motion to amend the previous motion, and proposed that the extra monies from the \$1,500.00 provided by GSAC go towards funding part-time graduate students. Dr. Florey seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

4. Formation of GSAC research funding committee

Mrs. Lucibello requested the formation of a committee to discuss a possible change in funding provided by GSAC for research projects and travel to conferences. Committee members will be Scott Talpey, Marcus Jeffries, Amanda Reynolds, Mark Sivak, and Dr. Grace. Dr. Michael Shea, chairperson for the English department addressed GSAC and asked the committee to re-evaluate the amount of funding GSAC provides for students to attend professional conferences.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Talpey, GSAC Chair