

**Graduate Student Affairs Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday December 1, 2008**

**Presiding:**

Scott Talpey, GSAC Chair

**Present:**

Michael Sivak  
Amanda Reynolds  
Melissa Ceraso  
Miguel Perez-Cabello  
Mark Fisher  
Leanne McEvoy  
Chantelle Shimono

Eli Levy  
Dr. Sandra Holley  
Mrs. Arlene Lucibello  
Dr. Sean Grace  
Dr. Mirela Newman  
Dr. William Gammell (Guest)

**1) Call to Order:**

Scott Talpey called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.  
Roll call of members.

**2) Approval of Minutes:**

Mark Fischer moved that minutes of the November meeting be approved, Dr. Sean Grace seconded. Minutes passed.

**3) Announcements:**

**Holiday Baskets**

Scott Talpey announced that Wednesday, December 3, was the last day to return GSAC holiday baskets to Student Life.

**b. Amendments to Conference/Research Funding**

Scott Talpey announced the amendments to the conference and research funding rules were attached to the back of the December meeting agenda. Scott Talpey advised GSAC members to insert the pages into their Procedures Manuals. He also advised that the changes will be posted to the GSAC website.

#### 4) Reports:

##### Budget

Mrs. Lucibello delivered a report on the conference and research committee meeting:

##### Research Awards

**\$10,000**

**Balance \$8370**

##### Public Health

- a. **Maya Greene** - \$450.00 – An Exploration of Pediatrician Health Promotion Practices with Adolescent Patients.
- b. **Rosemarie Murtagh** - \$450.00 – The effectiveness of the American Heart Association's Family and Friends CPR Anytime self learning kit as a tool to teach competent CPR skills.
- c. **Rose Abreu-Sanchez** - \$430.00 – Experiences of parents concerning the oral health care of their children with autism spectrum disorders.
- d. **Marc Camardo** - \$150.00 – Symptomatic depression among SCSU residential students.
  - f. **Ashley Fernandez** - \$150.00 – A photonovella on pre-diabetes for Hispanic women in a community health center in New Haven, CT.

##### Conference Funding

**\$5000.00**

**Balance \$1809.15**

##### Counseling/School of Psychology

- a. Jennie Broomfield - \$396.91 – NASP 2008 Annual Convention – Presenter
- b. Ingrid Dally - \$500.00 – NASP 2008 Annual Convention – Presenter
- c. Maria Mikolike - \$500.00 – NASP 2008 Annual Convention – Presenter
- d. Amanda Servedio - \$250.00 – ACA Annual conference & Exposition - Attending

##### Business Administration

Kristen Collins - \$500.00 – International Academy of Business Disciplines - Presenter

##### Psychology

Duyen Vo - \$443.94 – 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences – Presenter

##### Sociology

Thanh Ly-Tumbull - \$500.00 – 2008 Southern Sociological Society Conference – Presenter

##### Special Education

Ann White - \$100.00 – Council for Exceptional Children – Attending (PT)

Mrs. Lucibello noted that all approvals require receipts for reimbursement. The balance of unallocated funds will roll over to next semester.

Leanne McEvoy made a motion to approve. Amanda Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed at 3:14 pm.

**b. Dean's Report**

Dr. Sandra Holley delivered the dean's report at 3:15 pm.

Dr. Holley stated that GSAC Chair, Scott Talpey, and GSAC Vice-Chair, Michael Sivak had attended the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Graduate Council as representatives of GSAC. She commended them for their remarks to the Council.

Dr. Holley discussed the Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF) and the Graduate School Graduate Assistantship (GSGA) awards available to graduate students, and the rules of said opportunities. Per Dean Holley's request, Dr. Sean Grace described his experiences as a mentor for students undertaking these opportunities; Dr. Grace called them "fantastic." Scott Talpey also described his experience as research fellow; he called them "wonderful."

**5) New Business:**

**Focus Group**

Dean Holley introduced Dr. William Gammell – Associate Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning – Connecticut State University System (CSUS). Dean Holley excused herself from the remainder of the meeting. Dr. Gammell then conducted a focus group concerned with graduate student issues. The focus group concluded at 4:31 pm.

At 4:32, Miguel Perez-Cabello made a motion that a discussion about a school-wide graduate conference be included on the February agenda. Chantelle Shimono seconded the motion. Motion passed at 4:33 pm.

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:34 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Michael G. Sivak, GSAC Vice-Chair**