

GSAC Meeting Minutes Monday, March 03, 2008

Presiding: Alina Yekelchik

Present:

Larry Dome, Mathematics; Chris Goudarzy, Business Administration; Dr. Sandra Holley, Dean of Graduate Studies; Lois Lake Church, English; Eli Levy, Research, Measurement, & Statistics; Mrs. Arlene Lucibello, GSAC Coordinator; Bruno Nader, Computer Science; Ryan Newton, Psychology; Dr. Rhea Paul, Communication Disorders; Jacqueline Stevens, Education; Scott Talpey, Exercise Science; Tara Weinberg, Special Education; Alina Yekelchik, Sociology

Meeting called to order by Alina Yekelchik at 3:10 pm.

Call confirmed those present.

Old Business:

Approval of February minutes:

No questions were raised regarding the minutes from the last meeting, nor were any corrections made. Lois Lake Church made a motion for approval of the minutes, and Scott Talpey seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Announcements:

GSAC Workshop:

Alina Yekelchik reported the next GSAC workshop will be held on March 7 from 1:00-2:00 pm in Room 301 of the Adanti Student Center and encouraged all members to attend and disseminate information to their respective departments.

Graduate Research Fellowship Symposium

Alina Yekelchik reported the GRF Symposium will be held on May 8, starting at 1:00 pm. Ms. Yekelchik asked members for any suggestions about promoting the event and encouraged all to attend.

GSAC End-of-Year Luncheon

Alina Yekelchik reported the GSAC end-of-year luncheon will be held May 12 from 12:00-2:00 pm at the Playwright in Hamden.

9th Annual SCSU Graduate English Student Conference

Lois Lake Church reported the 9th Annual SCSU Graduate English Student Conference will be held Saturday, April 19 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm in the Adanti Student Center Ballroom. The English Department is still accepting presenters with proposals for the conference due by March 14. The topic for the conference is “Encountering the Text,” although the subject is not limited to literary texts. Ms. Lake Church noted that school teachers can receive C. E. U. (continuing education credits) for attending the conference. All are encouraged to attend.

Reports:**Web Committee:**

Bruno Nader reported that he submitted HTML code to Lisa Galvin for updating the GSAC website and more pages would be added in the coming days. The GSAC pictures taken by Mr. Mattia are finished and will be posted shortly.

Dean’s Report:**Graduate Council:**

Dean Holley reported that the Graduate Council meets the first Monday of every month from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in Engleman B121 A and B. Dr. Holley commended GSAC for their work and asked if the GSAC Chair, Vice-Chair and any members would like to visit the next Graduate Council meeting to apprise them of GSAC’s contributions. Dean Holley also presented a proposal to increase the minimum G.P.A. (grade point average) requirement for admittance to the Graduate School to 3.0. Several departments already have the more stringent requirement of 3.0, and Dr. Holley asked for feedback from GSAC. Any comments should be addressed to Dean Holley and to Dr. Florey of the Standards Committee.

Graduate Open House:

Dean Holley reported the next Graduate Open House will be Thursday April 17 from 3:00 – 7:00 pm in the Adanti Student Center Ballroom. Dr. Holley also reported that the Graduate School and Summer School will be advertising on WTNH’s website and as an enclosure in the University’s payroll envelopes.

Budget:

Mrs. Lucibello reported no current activity for the budget.

New Business:**Financial Aid:**

Mr. Lewis Deluca Jr., a representative from Financial Aid, presented information detailing services offered to graduate students. He reported changes to Financial Aid procedures for graduate students, starting in the Fall of 2008. Mr. Deluca is the contact person for graduate students seeking financial aid. He is currently working on a proposal

with Dean Holley to look for grant money for full time graduate students to supplement any financial aid loans.

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Newton, GSAC Vice Chair