

GSAC Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 5, 2008

Presiding: Alina Yekelchik

Present:

Larry Dome, Mathematics; 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 3:14 pm.

Call confirmed those present.

Old Business:

Approval of April minutes:

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

Tutorial Center

Larry Dome reported on last meeting's question regarding the online tutorial center's availability for graduate students. Alina Yekelchik sent an e-mail requesting more information, and Dean Holley reported that she met with the Provost, who is the Chair of the Committee overseeing the online tutorial center. Currently, the online tutorial center is available to all undergraduates in the CSU system, and they are now considering extending the service to graduate students.

Announcements:

Folio Graduate Literary Arts Magazine

Lois Lake Church reported on the successful launch of *Folio*, the Graduate Literary Arts Magazine, and distributed copies to GSAC members. An official launch is to be celebrated on Friday, May 9th at 7:00pm in the Fireplace lounge of the Adanti Center.

Common Ground Online English Tutoring

Lois Lake Church also reported about the continued relationship with Common Ground High School as some English majors are now engaged in online tutoring with the high school students. This relationship builds off an earlier math tutoring arrangement, spearheaded by GSAC member, Larry Dome.

Reports:**Web Committee:**

Bruno Nader reported that the GSAC website is ready to be published and is awaiting final approval from the Dean's Office.

Research & Conference Committee/Budget:

Mrs. Lucibello reported current activity for the budget including requests for GSAC funding for research and conferences. The department of Communication Disorders was awarded \$200.00 for two departmental speaker honorariums. The department of Counseling and School Psychology was awarded \$200.00 for two departmental speaking honorariums and the department of Sociology was awarded \$150.00 for one departmental speaking honorarium.

For the research awards, Maya Greene of the Public Health department was awarded \$450.00 for her study, *An Exploration of Pediatric Health Promotion Practices with Adolescent Patients*. Rosemarie Murtagh was awarded \$450.00 for her study, *The Effectiveness of the American Heart Association's Family and Friends CPR Anytime Self Learning Kit as a Tool to Teach Competent CPR skills*. Rose Abreu-Sanchez was awarded \$430.00 for her study, *Experiences of Parents Concerning the Oral Health Care of Their Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders*. Marc Camardo was awarded \$150.00 for his study, *Symptomatic Depression among SCSU Residential Students*. Ashley Fernandez was awarded \$150.00 for her study, *A Photonovella on Pre-diabetes for Hispanic Women in a Community Health Center in New Haven, CT*.

Four students from the Counseling and School Psychology department received conference funding. For presenting at the NASP 2008 Annual Convention, Jennie Broomfield received \$396.91, Ingrid Dally received \$500.00, and Maria Mikolike received \$500.00. Amanda Servedio received \$250.00 for attending the ACA Annual Conference & Exposition.

Kristen Collins from the Business Administration department received \$500.00 for presenting at the International Academy of Business Disciplines. Duyen Vo of the Psychology department received \$443.94 for presenting at the 11th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences. Thanh Ly-Tumbull of the Sociology department received \$500.00 for presenting at the 2008 Southern Sociological Society Conference. Ann White of the Special Education department received \$100.00 for attending the Council for Exceptional Children.

Lois Lake Church moved to grant the requested funding, Dr. Rhea Paul seconded, and all were in favor.

Dean's Report:**Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award:**

Dean Holley commended current GSAC member, Lois Lake Church, for receiving the Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award.

Spring Graduate Open House

Dr. Holley reported on the success of the Graduate School Spring Open House, with more than 450 prospective students in attendance.

10th Graduate Research Symposium

Dean Holley reported on the upcoming 10th Graduate Research Symposium. In addition to the nine Graduate Research Fellows, Dr. Holley invited an undergraduate to present his honor's thesis at this year's symposium. It is scheduled Thursday, May 8 from 1:00-4:00pm in Engleman C112, Garner Recital Hall.

10th Graduate Commencement

Dean Holley reported that the 10th Graduate Commencement will be held Thursday, May 22. This year's graduates will be lining up in the basement of Engleman Hall. Tickets are available for pick-up at the Dean's Office, and gowns are available for purchase at the bookstore.

Financial Aid to Graduate Students

Dr. Holley reported on a meeting with Dr. Stephen Joyner, the Associate Vice President for Academic Student Services concerning enhanced financial aid for graduate students. The university will a pilot program allocating \$250,000 to provide \$4,000 in grant funding each to a maximum of 62 current full-time graduate students, with funding split between the fall and spring semesters. The awards will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis and will be merit and need-based. All applicants need to have completed the FAFSA. Information has been sent to current graduate students and is available on the Graduate School website.

2008-2009 Graduate Research Fellowship Competition

The 2008-2009 Graduate Research Fellowship Competition has been re-opened. The deadline for application submissions is June 3, 2008 at 3:00pm in the School of Graduate Studies' office. Full-time graduate students are encouraged to apply.

GSAC End-of-Year Luncheon

The GSAC end-of-year luncheon will be held Monday, May 12 from 12:00-2:00pm at the Playwright in Hamden, CT.

New Business:**Note of Appreciation for Women's Studies Conference**

Representatives from the Women's Studies department sent a thank you letter to GSAC for funding the successful Fifth Annual Women's Studies Graduate Conference.

Awards of Recognition

GSAC members presented Mrs. Arlene Lucibello and Dr. Sandra Holley with awards of recognition for their outstanding service and commitment to the Graduate Student Affairs Committee.

Vice President of Student & University Affairs

The VP of Student & University Affairs, Dr. Ronald Herron was unable to attend this week's GSAC meeting and was cordially invited to speak with current members at the end-of-year luncheon on May 12.

Meeting adjourned at 3:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Newton, GSAC Vice Chair