

Article I. WFU Graduate Student Association

Article II. Minutes

December 2, 2008 - 5:30pm

Meeting Facilitator: Christine Carlisle

- I Call to order
- II Roll call *13 in attendance: Tam Nguyen, Sarah Ryan, Summer Hanna, Andy Burke, Amy Allen, Andrew Smith, Shelley Graves, Tian Lan, Gena Dolson, Dei Hanson, Kyle Short, Christine Carlisle, Katie Martucci*
- III Approval of minutes from last meeting – *approved with no changes*
- IV Treasurer Report –*around \$1,550 left for the rest of the year, hopefully next semester we can do something big! (Christine for Meghna)*
- V New Business
 - a Professional Development: *Dean Rogan is looking for people / input to help them plan professional development events. Advisory committee meets every other week off-campus but they're fun meetings and the faculty will back pretty much whatever projects grad students want. Anyone with an idea should let us know. (Shelley); Christine suggested the idea of a Post-doc fair and others in attendance seemed interested so it will be looked into..*
 - b **Grad Forum Update:** *Friday Jan. 30th, 3-5pm; grad school budget will not allow for lunch now though.. maybe have a panel instead with 6-7 speakers in different sectors and then open floor for discussion/questions and a reception to follow (Christine)*
 - c **Med School Fundraiser @ the garage:** *next Tuesday 8-11pm – looking for people to perform or just come and watch, \$4 entry fee if you want to vote but I think it's free if you just go to listen/watch (Katie – contact for more details)*
 - d Spring Calendar
 - i Spring United Way Event – (Andy Smith) –*Battle of the Bands didn't really make too much profit for United Way.. any suggestions for the spring? Suggested: Bar Hop (pay a fee for a wristband and then get discounted drinks/food at a variety of sponsoring restaurants/bars - Shelly); Bake Sale (they are easy and make a lot of quick money for the GSA – Sarah)*
 - ii Campus Kitchen - *An enjoyable and easy community service opportunity on the Reynolda campus in the IS building (Amy Allen); Suggested that in the future maybe we could have a whole group of grad students on one night (Christine).*
 - iii Happy Hours –*Suggestions?: new bar called NOMA to open on 4th street (Sarah Ryan).*
 - iv Event with other schools – someone to head this up? – *it would be nice to do a big joint event but we would need someone who serves as our contact (Christine) – Gena graciously offered to be the point person and get in touch with Shelley or Jennifer for the contacts she needs..*

- v Meeting dates and times – *most agreed to keep it 1st Tuesday of the month at 5:30*
- e Insurance – Katie Martucci – *can we try to get vision as an add-on like dental? -Katie will find out monthly costs so that we can decide if it might be worth it for some students; maybe we can put together an online voting system / survey monkey to see **what grad. Students think about UnitedHealthcare**; probably need to stick with them for the next two years again, but maybe we'll try to switch over to BCBS after that..*
- f **Gena Dolson volunteered to be the new BG co-chair!!** –*vote passed with all in favor*

VI Old Business

a Amendments

-make social co-chairs duties less specific: amendment passed all in favor 13/13 of simplifying social co-chair duties

-chairs with nothing to report do not have to submit a report: Shelly moved to vote, Summer seconded – vote passed all in favor 13/13

- do away with the 3 one-year terms of office for dept. reps: -summary of discussion points: 'provides a nice safety mechanism', 'what if someone feels that it is below them to have to petition to stay and so they quit and we lose a good GSA member?', 'it's probably not too much to ask a devoted rep. to submit a little petition to stay', 'we're so desperate for more people to be involved we wouldn't deny the petition..', Summer motioned to vote, Shelly seconded, vote failed 11/13 voted against

- clarify the IV section 4 – passed all in favor 13/13

- b Health Fee update – *not going to be removed because there's no money in the grad. school.. ☺ (Christine for Erika Klorig)*

VII Open floor

Honor code is being clarified – minor changes and then the one issue that previously a student was the secretary and that's being changed to faculty.. you can look at the changes if you want online on the grad school website. (Christine)

*Sarah Ryan yearbook chair: **Email candid pictures** yearbook.grad.08@gmail.com.*

Thanks to all for coming and making it a very efficient and pleasant meeting!!