

## **Article I. WFU Graduate Student Association**

### **Article II. Meeting Agenda**

February 3, 2009 - 5:30pm

**Meeting Facilitators:** Christine Carlisle, Gena Dolson

- I** Call to order (5:36pm)
- II** Roll call: *10 in attendance*
- III** Approval of minutes from last meeting - *postponed to next meeting date due to small attendance (snow storm delays)*
- IV** Treasurer Report - *\$1551.07 in budget to be divided between happy hours, spring fling, end of year event*
- V** New Business
  - a** Grad Forum Update – *last Friday. Turnout lower than expected because of new format possibly. Idea to get more students there, besides reinstating lunches? Apparently there was a waitlist for the event. Not more than 50 people there. Suggestion – make separate forums for each campus. Specifically targeted speakers/areas will be more helpful? More helpful to split it up over the year to get small focused groups?*
  - b** January Happy Hour update – *people had already eaten because at later hour (7:30 – 9:30). Smaller turnout than before. Would a weeknight be better? 6:30 a better time? Suggestion: plan an activity like trivia or something to get people to interact (nametags?), give prizes. Down side: we would kind of take over the entire bar.*
  - c** Spring Calendar (see attached)
    - i** Events
      - (1) *Campus Kitchen: Meghna – Feb 26 (Thurs) is available for us to be the main group, event is at the children’s home. Meghna will send out an email to see who would be interested before we respond to campus kitchen. There is also a home basketball game that night. There are also dates where 4 – 6 people are needed, can sign up that way. If interested contact Meghna.*
      - (2) *Spring fling – April 3 at Millennium Center. GSA able to put \$800 up front. Band vs. DJ? Most people said band and made suggestions. Casino night theme, tickets \$10 ahead, a bit more at the door.*
      - (3) *Grad Student research day – April 6. Christine got an email about a possible t-shirt design?*
      - (4) *Post-doc fair – April 15 with NIH and St. Jude [note: not St Jude’s].*
      - (5) *Tentative end of year event depending on schedules and funding.*
    - ii** Suggestions
      - (1) *Canned food collection with happy hours and spring fling. Do a raffle – bring X cans, get a raffle ticket.*
  - d** Graduate Student Research Day T-shirt design (*Christine is looking into if we need to do this.*)

e GSA

i Graduate Student Council/Government

ii New Organizations - *Meeting with Dean Rogan about forming grad student government to be overarching government so new organizations can form. Grad school would like students to be in charge of new organizations forming, decide who gets to form, finances, etc. Would be formed from reps of each department and organization. Should representatives from other organizations be included? Need to set up a way to form a group – should this be through students or administration? Suggestion to propose a budget, send to administration for final approval. Would have to be done at the beginning of each semester/year.*

f Tian Lan – Chinese New Year Chinese new year – about 200 attendants, Jan 24. Games and delicious food.

g Sarah Ryan – BG yearbook – looking for candid and organizational photos. Take group photo at next GSA meeting. No firm deadline known, but turn ASAP.

h Shelley Graves – PDAC - would like to find another rep to work with Shelley (someone who will be here next year). Email Shelley if interested.

VI Open floor

a Jennifer: flyers for event on Valentine's Day: picture a world without AIDS.

b Jennifer and Shelley: graduating, they are reps for GPSA. Need new reps – hopefully 1 from each campus. Meet once per semester, meet with provost office. Perhaps make outgoing GSA presidents the reps if they are not graduating?

*Meeting concluded at 6:17. Thanks to everyone who made it there!*