

GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (GSC) MEETING – FEB 08, 2012



GRADUATE
STUDENT
COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE BOARD

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

LaDesta “DiDi” McCann
ladesta.mccann@smail.astate.edu
PRESIDENT

Thomas “Tom” Henry
thomas.henry@smail.astate.edu
VICE PRESIDENT

Daniel Kopp
Daniel.kopp@mathstat.astate.edu
TREASURER

Liting Zhao
Liting.zhao@smail.astate.edu
SECRETARY

Amanda Morales
amanda.morales@smail.astate.edu
COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Sheena Terrell
Sheena.terrell@smail.astate.edu
ADMINISTRATOR

I. OPENING

- ☞ *Meeting is called to order at 11:10 am*

- ☞ *DiDi welcomed guests, graduate students and all council members*

- ☞ *Sign in sheet is passed instead of roll call.*

II. REPORTS

- ☞ *Liting-Secretary*
 - Asked motion to accept minutes for all meetings in November 2011. Brittany seconded, Danny abstained, unanimous vote.
- ☞ *Danny-Treasurer*
 - Ending balance \$10965.85. No significant change since last meeting.
- ☞ *DiDi-President*
 - Appointed Sheena as Interim Action Fund Administrator until April election. Motioned by DiDi, seconded by Tom, voted accepted.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *SGA graduate senator seats*
 - DiDi: The vote has not occurred at this moment, but it is expected to happen soon. The voting system is going to be set up differently than before, SGA can not change their constitution until a campus wide student vote occurs.
- B. *PhD Movie*
 - EVS is hosting on Friday March 2nd at 6:30 pm at Lab Science East 219.
 - DiDi: our budget for this movie is \$250-\$500; we will give EVS some money for refreshment, the money will be transferred as interdepartmental form.
 - Danny: this event is solely for the benefit of graduate students, and we have enough money in our account for this.

GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (GSC) MEETING – FEB 08, 2012



GRADUATE
STUDENT
COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE BOARD

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

LaDesta “DiDi” McCann
ladesta.mccann@smail.astate.edu
PRESIDENT

Thomas “Tom” Henry
thomas.henry@smail.astate.edu
VICE PRESIDENT

Daniel Kopp
Daniel.kopp@mathstat.astate.edu
TREASURER

Liting Zhao
Liting.zhao@smail.astate.edu
SECRETARY

Amanda Morales
amanda.morales@smail.astate.edu
COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Sheena Terrell
Sheena.terrell@smail.astate.edu
ADMINISTRATOR

- Motioned by Danny to give EVS \$500 for refreshment and movie showing. Seconded by Tom, unanimous vote.

C. *Graduate Student Appreciation Week*

- DiDi: We still need volunteers for our team. We welcome new ideas for activities for this week. The award guidelines will be presented to the executive board by the next executive meeting.
- Semaria, Brittany, Sheena, Amanda volunteered for the committee.
- The award guidelines will be presented to the council soon.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. *SGA liaison Resolution-presented by Tom*

- SGA appointed a liaison between SGA and GSC without a consultation. The resolution is attached at the end of the minutes.
- DiDi: The resolution is not personal towards Daniel Johnson, it is a council resolution, and it will go to SGA and Chancellors.
- Resolution was passed around and read by all members.
- Motioned by Danny to accept the resolution, seconded by Amanda, unanimous vote.

B. *Emergency Resources for graduate students*

- DiDi: I was notified by Kathleen Carrick from Social Work here on campus that some graduate students still have not received the student loans and are facing eviction because they have not paid rent. There is no Emergency temporary housing, funding or any other resources on campus for students who are facing domestic violence, evicting or homelessness for any reason..
- Motioned by Tom to create an Adhoc committee, seconded by Danny, unanimous vote.
- Danny, Brittany, Semaria volunteered to be in this committee. DiDi appointed Semaria as chair of the committee to report back to the executive meeting.

C. *DiDi announced dates for abstracts applications for Second annual create@astate*

GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (GSC) MEETING – FEB 08, 2012



GRADUATE
STUDENT
COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE BOARD

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

LaDestra “DiDi” McCann
ladesta.mccann@smail.astate.edu
PRESIDENT

Thomas “Tom” Henry
thomas.henry@smail.astate.edu
VICE PRESIDENT

Daniel Kopp
Daniel.kopp@mathstat.astate.edu
TREASURER

Liting Zhao
Liting.zhao@smail.astate.edu
SECRETARY

Amanda Morales
amanda.morales@smail.astate.edu
COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Sheena Terrell
Sheena.terrell@smail.astate.edu
ADMINISTRATOR

VII. Open Floor

- No discussion.

VIII. Adjournment (12:05pm motioned by Danny seconded by John)

**Note : See attachment below.*

GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (GSC) MEETING – FEB 08, 2012



GRADUATE
STUDENT
COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE BOARD

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

LaDesta "DiDi" McCann
ladesta.mccann@mail.astate.edu
PRESIDENT

Thomas "Tom" Henry
thomas.henry@mail.astate.edu
VICE PRESIDENT

Daniel Kopp
daniel.kopp@mathstat.astate.edu
TREASURER

Liting Zhao
liting.zhao@mail.astate.edu
SECRETARY

Amanda Morales
amanda.morales@mail.astate.edu
COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Sheena Terrell
sheena.terrell@mail.astate.edu
ADMINISTRATOR



RESOLUTION [2012.02.1] GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL/STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION GRADUATE LIASON SELECTION CONCERNS

Date: February 8, 2012

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Council is the "voice of the graduate students" at Arkansas State University – Jonesboro, and has been recognized as such by all constituency groups and almost all SGOC committees for years; and

WHEREAS, the current SGA president, when campaigning for his position last Spring by speaking to the GSC said that he would support separation of GSC and SGA as well as the releasing of Graduate Student Activity Fees back to the GSC; and

WHEREAS, this summer and upon his election, a meeting was held between the current SGA President, the current GSC President, the current GSC Vice-President and a person appointed by the SGA to be the "SGA/GSC Graduate Liaison" and it was discussed that no future liaisons should be unilaterally chosen by the SGA and that if they were, they should not be advertised as a liaison between the two organization but rather as an emissary "from the SGA"; and

WHEREAS, the very terminology "Liaison" implies that the person is a mediator between two organizations and therefore should be chosen by both; and

WHEREAS, despite these concerns and promises, the SGA has once again unilaterally chosen what they have entitled a new "SGA/GSC Graduate Liaison" without any discussion, forewarning, or opportunity given to the GSC for input as to the choice; and

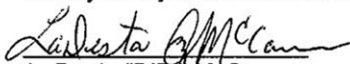
WHEREAS, the SGA has attempted on numerous fronts to be antagonistic and non-cooperative toward the Graduate Student Council this academic year; and

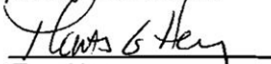
WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Council admits that there must be a collegial, functioning, and effective means of communication and cooperation between the SGA and the GSC in order for the entire University as well as its student body to benefit;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Graduate Student Council, with an abundance of reservation, disappointment, and strengthened resolve, refuse to ever acknowledge or receive in any official capacity any person unilaterally appointed by the SGA as an "SGA/GSC Graduate Liaison", and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the only way this decision will be altered is if the SGA either gives GSC equal input into the selection of the "liaison" or if they clearly rename the person's title as "emissary from the SGA to the GSC".

Unanimously approved and adopted the 8th day of February 2012, I, the undersigned, hereby certify that Resolution 2012.02.1 was duly adopted by the Council.


LaDesta "DiDi" McCann
President


Tom Henry
Vice President