

**General Meeting Agenda of the  
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

**October 29, 2007**

**Faculty Senate Chambers, DH Hill Library**

**I. Call to Order (7:00PM)**

**Roll**

**II. Approval of September 24, 2007 Minutes**

**Motioned and seconded**

**III. President's Report (Ling Xiang)**

Ling attended the fee review committee meeting and the tuition review committee meeting. Updates from those meetings: next year there will be a \$100 tuition increase for instate undergrads, a \$200 increase for out of state undergrads, graduate tuition will remain the same. The tuition supplement will be assessed to: the College of design- all programs \$1000. Also a tuition supplement for math and the mba program \$1500 each.

Fees will increase the maximum amount (there is a 6.5% cap (\$69.22)) Eight campus units requested fee increase, transit and student health are exempt from the cap, so the increase will be \$69.20 + \$16 transit and \$35 health expansion. These numbers are for whole school year, not per semester.

These are the recommendations made to the chancellor (for 2008-09.)

**IV. University Housing presentation (between 7:30-8:00pm) Susan Grant**

Graduate housing at centennial was discussed. Reps responded to ideas about design, location, amenities, and price. Issues specific to centennial include, security, night lighting, and transit to main campus. Other issues included: privacy, quiet, not asked to leave during holidays, inexpensive, free washer and dryer, close to food (dining hall), space, transportation to campus, a computer lab, and exercise facility no RA, 24 hour desk. Susan handed out questionnaires, copies can be returned Susan.

**V. Executive Officer Reports**

1. Vice-President for Internal Affairs' Report (Pratik Mehta)

Pratik wants committee minutes after each meeting, turn them in.

2. Vice-President for External Affairs' Report (Ali Kefeli)

University standing committees are 97 percent full, bookstores is only committee with no representation; 2 seats remain. Five other seats are open in Dining, Evaluation of Teaching,

International Programs, Library, and Physical Environment Committees.

Take back the night- Ali went, there was a good turnout.

3. Secretary's Report (Magen Eller)

Still missing some rep email addresses, please get them to me.

4. Treasurer's Report (Alex Capaldi)

Updated on the fee increase for 09-10 which is under discussion: We don't get as much money as we had calculated is because it is prorated by class hours. If we do propose and get this \$1 increase our budget would increase \$4000. Finance committee is putting together a report for us so we can discuss this issue more fully.

YTD revenue: \$37,030.58 YTD expenses: \$5453.88 Avail \$38,492.39

5. Travel/Thesis Fund Administrator's Report (Brandy Benedict) So far this year we have spent \$8500, and approved \$12,000. This means about \$20,000 of \$27,000 line item is claimed. This is very early because we won't get more money for travel and thesis until July (new fiscal year.)

6. Electronic Communications Officer's Report (Catherine Beck)

Cat needs committee chairs to send her member lists. Check the website to see if your committee is up to date.

Administrative Board Update: The Board is very happy to hear about the Professional Development Seminar response.

I there are any links you want on the website, let her know.

Ling: We are planning more professional development seminars with the graduate school next semester.

## **VI. Advisor's Report (Dr. Prema Arasu)**

UNC general administration system is still working on a petition to go to the state congress pertaining the recent restriction on graduate students travel reimbursement. (This is a state law.) Background: North Carolina has a new state law on the books that say state accounts cannot be used for travel expenses for grad students.

Dean Lomax in S. Korea, with Provost Neilson, they are working on arrangements for bilateral exchanges with campuses abroad.

## **VII. UGSA Committee Reports**

1. Financial- Now has 7 members. They discussed budget issues for next year. They are working to include all the expenses in the budget. (Some are not in our current budget and yet we pay them. ie. web hosting.) They discussed line items for pres, and fees for office rentals, and cancelled the office phone. They are working on drafting a proposal for the 09-10 fee increase.

2. Judicial & Legislative- Please turn in copies of the constitutions from GSA chapters. They are reviewing the UGSA constitution, and have discovered grammatical errors, and inconsistencies. The constitution states Robert's rules, as order for our meetings, but they may not be efficient for us, so the committee is working on a set of special rules to make this assembly more efficiency. This is acceptable under Robert's rules of Order. They looked into the University system alcohol policies and discovered alcohol is allowed on campus, with Chancellor permission, but not in any event where students are present or sponsors. You must have a list of invitees. These decisions are made by university council and others. It is the JLCs responsibility to look into this and advise the council of their options. Is this an issue we feel we need to pursue? We will discuss this in the open floor. They have prepared Miller Johnson's Reddick stadium resolution.
3. Political Action- Nov. Annual Food Drive will be getting a flyer to post in your department. Will have a drop off at the Coliseum Deck. The drive is from Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>.
4. Publicity- no chair yet/ some mix-up.
5. Social- Proposing a Tri-mixer with Duke and Carolina. If this were to happen, we will financially support on a per student basis. We co-sponsored a professional development workshop with the Graduate School, 96 students wanted to attend a 50 spot seminar. Would people attend if soft drinks and cookies were there instead of pizza? Yes. Comment- bring own lunch.

Upcoming social events Nov. bowling, next spring- Adventure Landing nite.

6. Teaching Effectiveness- Date April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 12-1:30. Catering has been notified, we are expecting about 150 people. We will be working on reformatting forms, getting out letters, a timeline, and guest speaker- taking suggestions. Suggestions: Maybe someone from FCTL, Brice Lane, Dr. Felder
7. Academic Policy- Did not meet, because couldn't meet with Grad School Contact, will meet with him next week.

## **VIII. University Standing Committee Reports**

Commencement – Have chosen a speaker for the December graduation.

Extension and Engagement- funding opportunities may be coming if you're involved with extension.

## **IX. New Business**

1. Riddick Stadium Memorial Ad Hoc Committee resolution – to form an ad hoc committee, this is an opportunity to interact with other committees on campus to determine a way to commemorate the Stadium.

Discussion: What is going up in place of the stadium? A parking deck. This resolution is about commemoration, not battling the master plan for development. A typo: Resolved is repeated twice- Cat edited it. Who will pay for this?- up to the ad hoc committee.

Motion to vote, Second, Vote Passed.

Motion Miller Johnstone as chair of the ad hoc committee. Second, Vote Passed. How will you get

committee members? If anyone is interested he would like 2 members from UGSA. He and Paul will disseminate the opportunity to other organizations. Brandy will work with him, on the history committee, Cat will take to Admin. Board.

## **X. Open Floor**

Alcohol discussion. Ling: this is a serious university policy. It applies to all students and faculty. As grad students we are still part of the student body, the university is not likely to exempt us. We have more important things to work on.

JLC wanted to point out that it was a rep who brought the issue up in Aug., so we looked at it. It will really take a lot of work if we decide take it on. Comment: How many departments had alcohol at student events on campus? Comment: Any one who wants to could petition the chancellor, but he will say no. Faculty affected equally. What would be the effect of this on our respect from the faculty and administration? What exactly do we want to be able to do? Comment: The problem here is also at the state constitution level, not just the university. We could not charge admissions to an event that had alcohol.

There is a motion to ask Dr. Rainer to discuss this with us in more depth. All in favor: hand vote 7, opposed 26 abstain 4. We will not bring this before Dr. Rainer.

## **XI. Adjournment**

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> pass**

**Next Scheduled Meeting, Monday, November 26, 2007**