Minutes

October 25, 2012

OFFICERS: Doug Rice, Chemistry and Biochemistry (GSU President); Kevin Mueller, Civil and Environmental Engineering (Co-Vice President); Kate Rueff, Physics (GSU Co-Vice President).

CHAIRS: Zack Terranova, Chemistry and Biochemistry (Academic Affairs); Lindsey Turnbull, Biological Science (Health Care); Ricky Klee, Theology (Health Care); Hilary Davidson, Sociology (External Affairs); Mayra Duarte, Art, Art History & Design (Marketing and Merchandising); Diana LaTorre, Biological Sciences (Orientation/Electronic Resources); Erin Drew, English (Professional Development); Kyle Watson, Chemistry and Biochemistry (Publicities and Procedures); Tony Cunningham, Psychology (Quality of Life); Kara Harmatys, Chemistry and Biochemistry (Social); Sydney Blevins, Chemistry and Biochemistry (Social).

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES: Zack Terranova (Academic Council and Library Committee); Diana Latorre (Academic Technologies); Kevin Mueller (Faculty Senate); Doug Rice (Graduate Council); Kate Rueff (Graduate Council); Kara Harmatys (LAFO Tenant Committee); Sydney Blevins (LAFO Tenant Committee); Erin Drew (Professional Development); Tony Cunningham (Traffic Appeals); Lindsey Turnbull (University Healthcare Committee); Ricky Klee (University Healthcare Committee); Hilary Davidson (Energy and Environmental Issues); Jade Avelis (Women Faculty and Students).

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Temistocle Grencha (Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering); Amy Buchmann (Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics); Kelsie Hoke (Architecture); Katherine Torvinen (Architecture); Ali Raja (Biological Sciences); Ericka Kistner (Biological Sciences); Doug Hines (Chemistry and Biochemistry); Ann Dallman (Civil and Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences); Eva Van Leemput (Economics); Peng Li (Electrical Engineering); Mingming Cai (Electrical Engineering); Garrett Seelinger (English); Colleen McKenna (Global Health Program); Bry Martin (History); Hannah Zdansky (Literature Program PhD); Maria Giulia Genghini (Literature Program, Ph.D.); Kathleen Ansaldi (Mathematics); Doug Smith (Mathematics); Brandon Cook (Medieval Institute); Brian Long (Medieval Institute); Fengqiao Juo (Physics); Edward Lamere (Physics); Kyle Beam (Political Science); Jeremy Castle (Political Science); Emmanuelle Pardilla-Delgado (Psychology); Lori Petersen (Psychology); Mario Antonio CossioOlavide (Romance Language and Literature); Jade Avelis (Sociology); Stefani Wellons (Sociology); Sarah Schreiber (Theology PhD); Lorraine Cuddeback (Theology PhD).

FISCHER O’HARE GRACE RESIDENCE – UNIVERSITY AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES – UNIVERSITY VILLAGE RESIDENCE: Peter Campbell (University Village).

1. Doug Rice, President, called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM.
2. Doug Rice announced all future meetings would be in the Notre Dame Room in LaFortune.
3. Zack Terranova, Academic Affairs, moved to approve the minutes from September 27, 2012.
4. Sydney Blevins, Social, seconds.
5. Doug Rice proceeded with the voting and the motion passed unanimously.
6. Doug Rice proceeded to executive committee reports:
   a. Doug stated that his report stands and added that there will be a meeting next week to talk about
      the Grad Life Grants. The deadline is November 15, 2012. The Grad Life Committee would like
      to hold an event for people to come and brainstorm about potential Grad Life Grant Events.
   b. Kate Rueff, Co-Vice President, stated that her report stands.
   c. Kevin Mueller, Co-Vice President, stated that his report stands. He also mentioned that the
      GSU would be offering the t-shirts from graduate student orientation online. The shirts will be
      offered at cost.

7. Doug Rice proceeded to Committee reports:
   a. Zack Terranova, Academic Affairs, stated that his report stands.
   b. Hilary Davidson, External Affairs, stated that her report stands.
   c. Lindsey Turnbull, Healthcare, stated that her report stands. She also mentioned that the GSU
      blood drive will be November 13th in the LaFortune Ballroom from 10am-5pm. Chipotle would
      donate 50 free burritos. Ricky Klee, Healthcare, introduced himself and mentioned that he is
      working especially on the insurance plan. The committee will start the process in about a
      month. If anyone is interested on working on insurance, please contact him (rklee2@nd.edu).
   i. Peng Li, Electrical Engineering, asked if the Graduate School would ever subsidize
      spousal insurance?
   ii. Ricky Klee, Healthcare, stated that it might happen in the future. He mentioned that
      if the Football team is very successful, that the money brought in could be applied
      there. He also mentioned that if there are issues, it is very important to submit them
      in writing so that there is a record of grievances/comments from the graduate
      students.
   d. Mayra Duarte, Marketing and Merchandising, stated that her report stands and mentioned that
      the committee will display posters on the screens in LaFortune
   i. Lindsey Turnbull, Healthcare, asked if other posters not created by the committee
      could be included.
   ii. Mayra Duarte responded in the affirmative.
   e. Diana LaTorre, Orientation and Electronic Resources, stated that her report stands.
   f. Erin Drew, Professional Development, stated that her report stands. She also mentioned that
      the final event of the Ethics Café Series would be on November 1st from 12:30-1:30pm. She
      said that the organizers of the event have asked for the GSU to advertise. She handed out
      posters and asked that the representatives post them in their respective buildings.
   i. Kelsie Hoke, Architecture, asked if there were still spots available
   ii. Erin Drew responded in the affirmative.
   g. Kyle Watson, Publicity and Procedures, stated that his report stands.
   h. Tony Cunningham, Quality of Life, stated that his report stands and that the committee needs
      more ambassadors. The committee also needs a lot of help with the duLac subcommittee, as the
      Vice President of Student Affairs would like the GSU’s input about potential changes.
   i. Kate Rueff, Co-Vice President, stated that the current alcohol policy makes it so
      that no events on campus can be held without catering, which is very expensive. We
      would like that changed so that graduate students do not need to follow this mandate.
      This is an example of policy that is specifically designed for undergraduates that also
      cause issues for graduate students because there are not currently distinctions.
   i. Sydney Blevins and Kara Harmatys, Social, stated that their report stands. They also asked that
      the representatives not forget about the upcoming Halloween party at Corby’s. Also, the wine
      tour trip was cancelled because of issues with bus scheduling. The trip will be held in the
      spring.

8. Doug Rice, President, called for a 15-minute breakout for committees.

9. Doug Rice, President, called for new business:
   a. The GSU has moved its scheduled concession stand to the Wake Forest game. We will donate the
      money earned to the Pregnancy and Parent Fund designed to help graduate students help defer
the cost of having and raising children on a graduate student stipend. He mentioned that anyone who signs up to help will get a free hat and anyone who signs up for 4 hours will get a $10 Starbucks gift card. Also, any graduate students who stop by the concessions stand will be able to get free food.

i. Brandon Cook, *Medieval Studies*, asked where the concessions stand will be located.

ii. Doug Rice mentioned that the stand will be located close to the Radiation Laboratory East of library.

10. Doug Rice, *President*, proceeded to University Committees:
   b. Diana LaTorre, *Academic Technologies*, stated that the committee has yet to meet this year.
   c. Tony Cunningham, *Ad-Hoc Funding Committee*, The committee hasn’t met yet.
   d. Hilary Davidson, *Energy and Environmental Issues*, mentioned that she will be taking over this committee from Kyle Beam (*Political Science*). She stated that the game-day recycling program is fantastic and that anyone who helps out will get free food, and a t-shirt. Also, the university will donate $7/hour to GSU charities for each representative who contributes.
   e. Kate Rueff, *Faculty Senate*, stated that her report stands.
   f. Kate Rueff, *Graduate Council*, stated that her report stands.
   g. Zack Terranova, *Library Committee*, stated that his report stands and mentioned that the committee will be polling graduate students on their desires on the upcoming library renovations. If you have any questions you would like included in the poll, please email him (zterrano@nd.edu). All questions submitted will have to go through an approval process.
      i. Doug Rice, *President*, asked when the poll will likely go out the graduate students.
      ii. Zack Terranova stated that the poll should be send out post-Thanksgiving.
      iii. Kate Rueff, *Co-Vice President*, asked when the questions for the poll need to be submitted by.
      iv. Zack Terranova responded that the questions for the poll need to be submitted by November 6th.
   h. Kara Harmatys and Sydney Blevins, *LaFortune Tenants*, stated that their report stands.
      i. Erin Drew, *TREC*, stated that the committee is planning on putting together a cross-disciplinary writing group for dissertations. If you are interested, keep an eye out for a future email.
         i. Stefanie Wellington, *Sociology*, asked if it will only be for dissertations or if master’s theses will also be included in the group.
         ii. Erin Drew stated that she thinks it should be both. She will ask about it at the committee meeting about making it available for both.
   j. Tony Cunningham, *Traffic Appeals*, stated that the committee has not met yet.
   k. Lindsey Turnbull and Ricky Klee, *Healthcare*, stated that the committee hasn’t met yet.
   l. Jade Avelis, *Women Faculty and Students*, stated that her report stands.

11. Doug Rice, *President*, introduced Mimi Beck

12. Mimi Beck, *Director of Graduate Student Life*, stated that the Grad Life grants are a way to put money in the hands of the students for an idea for an event that will provide cross-disciplinary interactions. The events will be those that will run from January 2013 through July 2013. If you want to apply, find the application online at gradlife.nd.edu. The department will have two informational meetings on November 1st at 3:30 pm an 7 pm. The location will be posted in the weekly Grad Life Weekly newsletter. Also, any student can set up an individual appointment with Mimi to talk about ideas or for help with applications. Finally, she mentioned that the Writing Center and the Library will be setting up a dissertation writing support group.
   a. Kate Rueff, *Co-Vice President*, asked what the typical turnaround for the grants are
   b. Mimi Beck said that the funds will be available on January 2nd. The awards will be announced before December 18th. This year, the office is only doing half of the year. The next proposals will likely be due in March and will correspond to funding opportunities from August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014.
c. Tony Cunningham, *Quality of Life*, asked what the longest project term can be.
d. Mimi Beck responded that the idea is that the grants can be used as “seed money” to help student
groups form so long as the groups are apart from departmental lines. It has to gather people
around an idea of interest. If you want this to be a long-term project, you will need to have a
plan for continuity of leadership. When you do a renewal application, you will need to answer
these questions.
e. Hilary Davidson, *External Affairs*, mentioned that a lot of departments are somewhat isolated
and asked if the office would be willing to put people with similar interests and ideas in touch
with each other.
f. Mimi Beck responded in the affirmative.
g. Kelsie Hoke, *Architecture*, said that a report was submitted to the Grad Life Office regarding the
surveys from graduate students. She asked if there were any interesting suggestions.
h. Mimi Beck stated that we will need to improve communication across the board. There is a list
of several things and the office will make that list available to the GSU. Further, she will check
to see if the entire document can be shared.

13. Peter Campbell, *University Village*, stated that last year, the Village tried to advocate about having a
crossing at Douglass Rd. The city of South Bend is wanting to tear Douglas up and rebuild it.
Someone put a letter in the observer saying that this decision was in direct contrast to the wished of
those living in the Village. The plan calls for the road to be twice as large. The issues raised by the
residents include the potential danger of crossing the road, the potential crime, and the noise. The
university wants to “maximize land capture” so there really isn’t any flexibility. Further,
psychologically, it separates and isolates the Village from the rest of the campus. After the residents
voiced our concerns, we met with representatives from the university and they assured us that student
family housing has a future at Notre Dame. They asked from proposals on how the road will likely
affect residents. The plan to alter the road is just a proposal and hasn’t been approved by the county
yet. However, it likely will be approved. If there are any questions, please contact Peter
(Peter.P.Campbell.118@nd.edu).

a. Temistocle Grenga, *Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering*, asked how the change will
affect research facilities at White Field.
b. Peter Campbell responded that the route of the road will actually enclose White Field inside of
the campus limits. It is the goal to bring the research facilities in the campus.
c. Kevin Mueller, *Co-Vice President*, asked if it would suffice to have the road build directly
north of the Village.
d. Peter Campbell stated that one of the reactions that the university is hesitant is because the
University Village will likely not be there in the future. It has been there since 1972. The
buildings need to be replaced and if that is in the long-term plan, they likely won’t
accommodate the Village because the road is going to far outlive the current building.
However, the issue is that there are more than 100 children living in the Village and their safety
is being impacted.
e. Erin Drew, *Professional Development*, asked if the city does decide to build this road, will the
residents of the village have to cross the four-lane road to get to campus.
f. Peter Campbell responded in the affirmative. He said that the city won’t build an underpass and
can’t build an overpass. Finally, he stated that the letter in the observer said that the university
doesn’t have anything to accommodate the concerns of the Village, and that is not technically true.

17. Meeting adjourned 7:24PM.

Minutes Submitted by Kyle Watson