December 6, 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); Hilary Davidson, Sociology (External Affairs); 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); 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); Hilary Davidson (Energy and Environmental Issues); Jade Avelis (Women Faculty and Students); Catherine Rastovski (Women Faculty and Students).

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Amanda Joseph (Art, Art History & Design); Doug Hines (Chemistry and Biochemistry); Ann Dallman (Civil and Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences); Kristi Pellegrini (Civil and Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences); Clare Brogan (Classics); Mingming Cai (Electrical Engineering); Garrett Seelinger (English); Bry Martin (History); Hannah Zdansky (Literature Program PhD); Maria Giulia Genghini (Literature Program PhD); Doug Smith (Mathematics); Fengqiao Luo (Physics); Sarah Reiff for Edward Lamere (Physics); Jeremy Castle (Political Science); Enmanuelle Pardilla-Delgado (Psychology); Lori Petersen (Psychology); Jade Avelis (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 6:36 p.m.
2. Doug Rice, President, called for any additions or changes to the meeting minutes from November 15, 2012.
3. Zach Terranova, Academic Affairs, moved to approve the minutes from November 15, 2012.
4. Kristi Pellegrini, Civil & Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences, seconds.
5. Doug Rice, President, proceeded with the voting and the motion passed unanimously.
6. Doug Rice proceeded to executive committee reports:
a. Doug Rice, President, stated his report stands.
   i. There is a disputed amount earned from the concession stand sales. The report shows $1200. The budget shows $3000. We will need to clarify the amount earned. There is no thought of foul play. There is a profit overall and the amount will be reported once settled. Doug mentioned that if there is anyone who did not get the Starbucks cards, you can get them from Donna.

b. Kate Rueff, Co-Vice President, stated her report stands.
   i. Added that faculty senate met this week. The committee brought a healthcare provision. It is being considered by the subdivision. It is in the first stages for a new resolution. Any questions, please contact Ricky Klee (rklee2@nd.edu).

c. Kevin Mueller, Co-Vice President, absent.

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

8. Doug Rice proceeded to Committee reports:
   a. Zack Terranova, Academic Affairs, stated that his report stands.
      i. He further states that he is in charge of the library survey and requested that everyone fill it out.
   b. Hilary Davidson, External Affairs, stated that her report stands.
   c. Lindsey Turnbull, Healthcare, stated that her report stands.
   d. Mayra Duarte, Marketing and Merchandising, absent
   e. Diana LaTorre, Orientation and Electronic Resources, report stands.
   f. Erin Drew, Professional Development, stated that her report stands.
   g. Kyle Watson, Publicity and Procedures, stated that his report stands.
   h. Tony Cunningham, Quality of Life, stated that his report stands.
   i. Sydney Blevins and Kara Harmatys, Social, stated that their report stands.
      i. They stated that they have some updates for the annual charity gala which will be held on Saturday April 13, 2012. It will be held at the Century Center downtown. Gala funds will be contributed to St. Margaret’s House this year. This organization provides assistance for local women and children. They stated that tickets for Shrek the Musical will be available in January. Tickets for Wicked will be available for purchase in late February or early March.

9. Doug Rice, President, proceeded to University Committees:
   a. Zack Terranova, Academic Council, stated that his report stands.
   b. Diana LaTorre, Academic Technologies, report stands.
   c. Tony Cunningham, Ad-Hoc Funding Committee, stated that his report stands.
   d. Hilary Davidson, Energy and Environmental Issues, stated that her report stands.
   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.
   h. Kara Harmatys and Sydney Blevins, LaFortune Tenants, stated that their report stands.
   i. Erin Drew, TREC, stated that her report stands.

http://www.stmargaretshouse.org/
j. Tony Cunningham, *Traffic Appeals*, stated report stands
k. Lindsey Turnbull, *Healthcare*, stated that the report stands.
l. Jade Avelis and Catherine Rastovski, *Women Faculty and Students*, stated that their report stands.
   i. Further, they stated that the meeting was cancelled for the month.
   ii. Kate Rueff, *Co-Vice President*, asked if there will be a rescheduled meeting.
   iii. Jade Avelis, *WFS*, responded in the negative.

10. Doug Rice, *President*, called for new business:
   a. Doug presented the budget for the upcoming year. He stated that the major difference is that there was a conference budget that was cut.
   b. Kate Rueff, *Co-Vice President*, mentioned that the funds for the computer cluster in the library cannot be touched as of now. However, the executive committee is working on changing that. The chairs have outlined information that will be given later. It was noted that the budget forms are confidential and will need to be returned.
   c. Doug opened the floor for discussions on the budget.
      i. Peter Campbell, *University Village*, said that the computer cluster has 10 computers and one printer. There is a large TV in the room that he has never seen used.
      ii. Erin Drew, *Professional Development*, said that it was connected to a computer.
      iii. Zack Terranova, *Academic Affairs*, mentioned that it is setup for presentations.
      iv. Peter Campbell, *University Village*, said that the space is supposed to be for quiet study.
      v. Zack Terranova, *Academic Affairs*, said that the survey that went out will try to address the issue of having quiet and non-quiet study spaces.
      vi. Peter Campbell, *University Village*, stated that he thought that it was always a quiet study area.
      vii. Zack Terranova, *Academic Affairs*, said that there have been several complaints because there isn’t actually a designated quite area in the library. Through the survey, the committee wants to address everyone’s needs. Eventually, the committee plans on labeling areas as quiet so people know.
      viii. Garrett Seelinger, *English*, asked if the funding for the cluster is something that we have to pay regularly. He also inquired about what the funds were used for.
      ix. Kate Rueff, *Co-Vice President*, said that keys were necessary for access to the cluster and these fees helped to keep the cluster updated. However, a key is not needed now. The committee would like to find out what the funds are for and if the funds can be modified in the future. However, the funds on this year’s budget cannot be altered.
      x. Ricky Klee, *Healthcare*, asked if it is possible to raise the executive committee salaries as it would provide more incentive for future candidates.
      xi. Kate Rueff, *Co-Vice President*, said that the goal would be to increase the overall stipend for the executive committee: $1800 for each Vice President and $2600 for the President. The raises would not take effect until next year.
      xii. Jade Avelis, *Sociology*, asked what the estimated hours for the positions are
and stated that the pay is about $200 a month before taxes.
xiii. Kate Rueff, **Co-Vice President**, said that the hours vary per week. She said that the position is also more volunteering.
xiv. Doug Rice, **President**, said that he enjoys serving the position and that the money is not the reason for serving.
xv. Ann Dallman, **Civil and Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences**, said that inspiring people to serve because of the money is a bad idea.
xvi. Lori Peterson, **Psychology**, said that students don’t necessarily know that the Executive board and Committee chairs receive a stipend.
xvii. Nathan Smith, **Art**, asked what the responsibilities for the summer are.
xviii. Doug Rice, **President**, said that a lot of it is trying to get everything going. There is a lot of required time in the fall and spring.
xix. Kyle Watson, **Publicity and Procedures**, said that the PIs of the chairs and executive committee members can have the GSU stipend deducted from the RA and TA stipends.
xx. Kate Rueff, **Co-Vice President** said that the stipends are paid at the end of the year so that this might be avoided.
d. Doug Hines, **Chemistry and Biochemistry**, moved to approve the budget as presented.
e. Jade Avelis, **Sociology**, seconded.
f. Doug Rice, **President**, proceeded to the vote and the motion passed.

11. Doug Rice, **President**, called for any other business

12. Peter Campbell, **University Village**, stated that the county voted 7-0 to approve the building of the road. The road will have 4 lanes and have a speed limit of 40 mph. One caveat is that they will put in a hawk beacon in three different locations. These crosswalks will actually stop traffic for crossers. The locations will be: one at the village, one at Twyckenham, and one at Vaness (Clover Apartments). The University will determine any plans. Some safety concerns have been answered by this system. Further, he would like to thank the GSU for their support in this manner.
a. Hilary Davidson, **External Affairs**, said that the graduate students don’t really have a lot of power in this situation. She wonders if it might be worthwhile to put together a demonstration to generate interest and put the University on the spot if some of the safety concerns are not met.
b. Kate Rueff, **Co-Vice President**, asked if it is illegal to demonstrate on the campus.
c. Pater Campbell, **University Village**, said that they are paying to put the road in, but all of the space on the campus side of the road will be part of the University. We have done interviews with news sources to talk about the concerns. His hesitation in doing the protest is that it may not be wise to try and force the University’s hand. If it is not going to cause anything other than Indignation it might not be worthwhile.
d. Jeremy Castle, **Political Science**, said that putting the stops in should appease the safety concerns. He asked if this was the consensus at the Village.
e. Peter Campbell, **University Village**, said that putting the crosswalks in was the way to address some of the concerns, but not all of them. They don’t know what the road will do to affect the property value of the village. Tenants at the Village said that they are disillusioned.
f. Ricky Klee, **Healthcare**, said that you can demonstrate on the campus as long as it is approved by the University. It may be a good way to provide attention and bring
questions regarding the University’s “family oriented” values.
g. Peggy Hatusko, *GSU Advisor*, said that if you are part of a recognized student club or organization, you can register an event where you can do a demonstration. The duLac allows for individual students to have a demonstration through the safety office. As long as there is someone there from the Village, it should be okay.
h. Bry Martin, *History*, suggested that we look into what the people at the Village would feel about it. Perhaps Peter Campbell can ask what the village feels before we proceed with any demonstrations.
i. Erin Drew, *Professional Development*, said that there is a graduate student appreciation event in February. Perhaps it would be good to provide feedback that the graduate students are not being heard.
j. Kate Rueff, *Co-Vice President*, suggested that Hilary Davidson stay in contact with Peter Campbell about this.
k. Doug Rice, *President*, moved to table this discussion until the next meeting.
l. Kristi Pellegrini, *Civil and Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences*, seconded.
m. Doug Rice, *President*, proceeded to the vote and the motion passed.

13. Ricky Klee, *Healthcare*, asked Dean Lubker about the recent donation to the parenting fund.
a. Dean Lubker said that the funds would be for those students in crisis or need. If someone needs assistance, they can be put in contact with the office through referral.
b. Mimi Beck, *Director of Graduate Student Life*, said that they are not trying to hide anything; they just have limited funds and want DGSs to suggest people to prevent overburdening the funds. They currently want to use the referral process.

17. Doug Rice, *President*, proceeds to vote. Motion passes unopposed.
18. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Minutes Submitted by Kyle Watson