

## **GSU Council Meeting Minutes 9/17/15**

Kelsey - Green Dot presentation (see handout)

Nicholas Bonneau, History (*Healthcare*): Group called "Guardian Angels" in NY - rode subways, etc. - didn't work. Kelsey says they have bystander training which is more intense and good results - has been shown to work. "You are your brother and sister's keeper" - Kelsey

Mimi Beck, (*Grad Student Life Program Director*): says this violence affects Grad students as well, not just undergrads.

Kelsey: This happens across all genders.

Peggy Hnatusko, (*GSU Advisor & SAO Director*): Roberts Rules of Order: A way to keep the meeting going and lets the minority voices be heard and everyone's needs are being met. Explained her handout - *Thirteen Ranking Motions*

**Old Business:** Approving April, 2015 minutes from last GSU Council meeting.

Enma PardillaDelgado (*Psychology*): I move to approve the minutes

Chris Scheirer (*Medieval Institute*): seconds this motion. It passes.

Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President (*Physics*): Talked about *5-year Vision 2020 plan*. Went over 1st few goals. 3rd goal - improving communication between Grad Students and Grad School. Budget: proposal to increase fee will be discussed tonight.

**New Business:** Approval of members representing GSU..Introduced Chairs. Is there a motion to approve the appointments?

Chris Scheirer (*Medieval Institute*): Moves to approve appointments

Axton Crolley, (*Medieval Institute*): Seconds that motion. Move to a vote since no questions. All in favor? Opposed? None opposed. Motion passes.

Constitution changes: need  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of those present, We have Quorem. Election of Department Representatives was approved last semester. This has been added to the Constitution.

Chris Scheirer (*Medieval Institute*): Motion to approve amendments.

Alex Vawter, (*Classics*): seconds this motion

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Bryant went on to explain the changes. Vote: In favor: Opposed: none ...so it is approved.

GSU annual budget was passed around. Is there a motion to bring budget to the table?

Meagan Simpson, (*English*): Yes

Cesar Lopes-Gemelli, (*Literature*): seconds this motion

Bryant explained the increase in the activity fee proposal.

Grad school funds \$30,000 per year to CPG. Computer Clusters are no longer around, so not in budget. No spaces available at this time. Stipends (now referred to as Professional Development funds), have not changed since last year. Professional Development Chairs - there are now two instead of one. Internal Events is no longer in budget. GSU couldn't find a chair for that this year. Office budget about same as it was last year. Bryant continued to explain each budget item.

Enma PardillaDelgado (*Psychology*): wondering why many times there is not enough funds for CPG...is there any way to use the increase in activity funds for this?

Meredith Doellman, GSU Co-Vice President (*Biological Sciences*):

Yes, we are definitely looking at that! Activity fees have been the same for 7 yrs. There is the same amount of funding for each month. There is not less of a chance at last month. We get applications requesting approximately 8 times the amount of money that we can give out. We've had discussions with Brian Flaherty in the Graduate School. He and John Lubker (who was in the meeting as well) are open to discussing changing the way we do funding of Grad student travel. We've started those discussions and are optimistic.

Enma PardillaDelgado, (*Psychology*): Any way of ... (Unrecorded comment)

Meredith Doellman, GSU Co-Vice President (*Biological Sciences*): We are looking at that. We have the data from the last year. Not further back. I'm not comfortable making a decision based only on last year's data. It's definitely on the list of things the CPG committee is going to do this year.

Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President, (*Physics*): We are waiting to meet with Laura Carlson to discuss this..to increase CPG and to get the Grad school to increase as well.

Axton Crolley (*Medieval Institute*): How much are we spending for t-shirts for...? (unrecorded comment)

Meredith Doellman, GSU Co-Vice President (*Biological Sciences*): we ordered 480 & they were \$5.44 a piece. Probably we can't have cheaper t-shirts because we're not allowed to print on anything made in China per UND.

Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President, (*Physics*): In favor of passing budget: Opposed: None. Budget passes.

Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President, (*Physics*): Increase to the Grad Student activity fee - Reason: look at graph on handout. 2001 is as far back as data goes. Two biggest ways to ask

for more funding: Ask Grad School and/or raise activity fees. Raise to \$72. Last seven years or so, same fee without raises. This comes at a good time. Duncan Student Center on West side of stadium, 2nd floor...space for Grad students. Funds could help for furnishings and funding. Graph shows biggest amount going to CPG, then Administrative Assistant. One-third of it is programming. Open floor to discussion.

Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President, (*Physics*):  
Is there a motion to bring resolution to the floor?

Cesar Lopes-Gemelli, (*Literature*): Yes

Axton Crolley (*Medieval Institute*): Seconds this motion

Aryanne de Silva, (*Psychology*): How did you come up with this amount?

Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President, (*Physics*):  
I thought \$5 (increase) wasn't enough..Administrative Assistant salary shouldn't stay the same for five years. If we have about 2000 students, that's about \$14,000 added to the budget. Professional Development always needs more money.

Meredith Doellman, GSU Co-Vice President (*Biological Sciences*):  
The Grad School keeps asking for more. {money}

Meagan Simpson, (*English*): I don't ever remember having to pay an activity fee...\$7 {increase} seems very reasonable. Do some of us actually feel this? Are some conscious of it?

Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President, (*Physics*):  
Some fellowships cover the fee. If it's not on your student account, then it's probably covered. Paying it means you get representation as a department.

Meagan Simpson, (*English*): Someone's paying it on your behalf.

Sean Vilanova, GSU Co-Vice President (*Chemistry and Biochemistry*): (unrecorded comment)  
.....tells us we have our \$65 activity fee at the beginning of academic year....

Michael Longenecker, (*Philosophy*): Is it really that shocking to pay \$10 {more} as opposed to \$7?

Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President, (*Physics*):  
If we've increased by \$5 in the past, \$7 isn't too bad...a compromise of what's been done in the past and \$10 seems a little high.

Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President, (*Physics*): All in favor:   Opposed: 1   It passes.

REPORTS: Exec Committee Reports:

Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President, (*Physics*):  
Contact list is included in packet.

Update: I've been in contact with both Presidents of the (unrecorded comment)....meeting didn't include MBA President. I did talk with Brock, the President of the Student Bar Association...

Sean Vilanova, GSU Co-Vice President (*Chemistry and Biochemistry*):

Welcome Back events: Trivia Night...turned out pretty well. Annual Welcome Back Picnic/Faith Fair: FOG puts on a picnic. About 30 faith organizations presented information on their church, etc. and seems to have gone fairly well. Abby Salazar of Campus Ministry is compiling the information on it. Met with John Affleck-Graves to discuss mental health, increasing diversity and inclusion....

Meredith Doellman, GSU Co-Vice President (*Biological Sciences*):

Two things: New student orientation and the GSU Concession Stand. Orientation: huge success...deferred to Mimi.

Mimi Beck, (*Grad Student Life Program Director*): We added a downtown event with dinner, reception at Century Center with Mayor Pete and some other community leaders. We're hoping that relationship continues to grow between the city and Grad students. Still there are some improvements to make since we've gotten student feedback..including Title IX...(unrecorded comment).

Meredith Doellman, GSU Co-Vice President (*Biological Sciences*):

We're trying to get more Grad students involved, icebreakers to use, free food...Mimi and Colleen did an awesome job and all of the ambassadors!

Concession Stand: Really successful! Raised about \$2800. We haven't discussed what to do with it yet. Thanks and we're open to suggestions of what to do with the money. Went to first Faculty Senate meeting this year. They're very concerned about Health Insurance status for dependents. Met with Erin Hoffman-Harding and looking into this seriously.

Nicholas Bonneau, History (*Healthcare*): Are the faculty aware that the cost for a spouse on healthcare...? (unrecorded comment). Everybody pays \$2300. Everything is a complete parody. Started this Aug. 2015.

Meagan Simpson, (*English*): Tell us a little more about what the Faculty Senate discussed.

Meredith Doellman, GSU Co-Vice President (*Biological Sciences*):

I will be able to update you on a monthly basis about their ongoing discussions on SIFS (?).

Michael Altenburger, Theology (*Academic Affairs*): Academic Council meeting was on Aug 26. There were several rounds of voting. I will continue to provide information. The University Committee on academic technology...enhanced faculty teaching technology....lots of exciting things going on..software reviews, OnWard...a mobile platform. OIT people were extremely

encouraging about getting feedback from Grad students. Quick show of hands: when you teach, if you teach, how many have professors that don't allow computers in classrooms? (Quite a few raised their hands).

Nicholas Bonneau, History (*Healthcare*):

We've got dental now. Many benefits that we didn't have before. I and my committee have been working rather hard to get *Vision 2020* back into the center of my scope. We've managed to negotiate for a little more funds to make sure nobody is being left out. Who knows who Connie Morrow is? (about half knew who she is). She is at St. Liam Hall, in charge of insurance and front office, etc. You will get your answers from her. Mental Health is a huge issue. Please come to next Q & A session.

Katie Button-Simons, Biological Sciences (*Professional Development*):

Expo at end of month. There are 200 fliers. Please post all over your department. We're trying to expand the Expo from last year. More campus resources will be there. Lunch provided. pre-professional photos will be taken. Expo will be in Heritage Hall. No longer free. Josh and I have been attending Grad School Professional Development meetings. Looking for feedback (Grad School). In particular, Mike Westrate has asked for readers to review grants. Mike will be happy to write recommendations for people and this will look great on your resume. 3MT happening in Spring. (3 minute thesis). Rolled out first to deans. Then will get pushed down to students. Please help advertise in a couple of months.

Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President, (*Physics*):

GSU is paying for the hall. The Expo is free for students. You all should be "liking the GSU page" and following us....might have a raffle for you, etc.

Katie Button-Simons, Biological Sciences (*Professional Development*): There is a raffle at the Expo and we're giving away an iPad.

Angel Matos, English (*Quality of Life*): Two projects: We want to have a shuttle to Meijer. Also, a cooking class based on healthy eating. LGBTQ, Glass ND - last week of Oct. National Coming Out week. In need of delegates...if interested, contact us.

Kristen Johnson, Chemistry and Biochemistry (*Social*): Two goals: First, to increase attendants for all departments. Relay message to your depts. Tell friends to go to events. Second goal: To raise as much money for charity as we spent on the gala. Events: Oct 3 Legends Gamewatch, ND vs Clemson, free food, cash bar. Also fundraiser - Blaze's Pizza all day...on Oct (unrecorded comment)...on a Friday. Rest of upcoming events listed in packet.

Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President, (*Physics*): Nods of heads from chairs if want break out sessions. None needed.

Meredith Doellman, GSU Co-Vice President (*Biological Sciences*): How many of you actually got the GSU Newsletter this week? Who did not? Executive Board didn't. Add Mandy, Mimi and Peggy to list!! Apologies to all.

Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President, (*Physics*):  
General announcements?

Mimi Beck, (*Grad Student Life Program Director*):  
Grad Student Appreciation week has been moved from February to Oct 4-10. Lots of free stuff. The schedule of events is almost finished. On October 10, football Sat from 10-noon, a breakfast with Rise and Roll donuts. "Rise 'n Shine with Rise 'n Roll" (theme for breakfast). Free donuts, free coffee and free parking. Monday, pick up a coupon for free hotdog or hamburger from one of 3 grad clubs we're supporting.

Matt McEwen, (*Sociology*): I am working with...(unrecorded comment)...non-partisan... (unrecorded comment)...goal being to get all students more engaged to vote next year in elections. Kick off event, next Tues, Sept. 22 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at..(?) (unrecorded comment) Coffee House. with Mayor Pete. (unrecorded comment)...hosting debate watches within next couple months.

Mandy Havert, Assistant Librarian, (*Hesburgh Libraries*): Library closed from tomorrow (Friday, September 18) at 11:00 PM until Saturday, 9:00AM. Power down anything that could be impacted by a surge Friday night through Saturday morning. Be sure to power down anything tomorrow (Friday, September 18)

Executive Board: Please feel free to add anything

Meagan Simpson, (*English*): Adjourned

Aryanne de Silva, (*Psychology*): Seconds this motion

Enma PardillaDelgado, (*Psychology*): Also seconds this motion