

GSA Minutes- January 24, 2005

- Meeting called to order at 6:31PM by GSA president Frankie Jones
- 20 Members Present: Bryna Bobick (Art Ed.), Liz Bryant (History), Daniel Byrd (Social Science Ed.), Jimmy Davis (GAPS), Philip Duhart (College Student Affairs Administration), Shira Gordon (Entomology), Noel Heim (Geology), Tamerah Hunt (Exercise Science), Jacquelyn Kendrick (Marketing Research), Jeff Lake (Plant Bio), Ashwini Nadkarni (pharm & bio sciences), Erika Perry (MNPO), Greg Pillar (Crop and Soil Sciences), Timothy Poore (Biochem & Mole Bio), Rachel Poretsky (Marine Sciences), Jessica Principe (Food and Nutrition), Satya Sahoo (CS), Sylvia Schaefer (Ecology), Maria Winfield (Language Ed.), Leslie Herbert (Social Work)
- Minutes from last meeting are unanimously approved.
- Committee Reports:
 - Conference Committee- 3 weeks away. There will be a reception on Friday afternoon.
 - Will run 1-5 on Friday and 10-4 on Saturday
 - Keynote Speaker Saturday 12:30-2PM: Dr Richard Wertime "Journey into the Labyrinth..."
 - By Thursday, the presenters will be posted online
 - Please post in your department. We really need attendance.
 - We also need volunteers. Please sign up after the meeting as a volunteer. As a reward, you will get to attend the keynote luncheon for free.
 - Community Relations
 - Not too much to report. Not dealing with any real issues right now so if you want an issue brought up, please contact them.
 - Went to a community roundtable last Friday about how fraternity/sorority houses affect us (An issue not really relevant to us)
 - Health Insurance
 - Analyzing the results of the survey. Scary that 25-30% of people who responded had no health insurance
 - Not optimistic about receiving a subsidiary for insurance next year but are continuing to pursue it
 - Need to meet to select next year's policy in the next few weeks
 - International Student Affairs
 - Will meet sometime next week
 - Spoke with other international student organizations about the \$100 Homeland Security Fee you lose if you are denied a visa. You have to keep paying this fee everytime you apply for a US visa
 - Social Committee- Jenny is not here. However, she is in the process of planning a social for Friday February 11th as a reception on the first day of the conference
 - Fundraising- Need to plan a meeting time.

- Working on a strategic plan and mission statement. We will bring these to the meeting next month.
 - Also, going on a fact-finding mission to see what we can and cannot do as fundraisers
- Old Business:
 - Bus Service Petition: Only received 75 signatures. The next step will be to write a formal proposal to the president and the transportation office
 - Aderhold Crosswalk on Carlton Street- Frankie emailed the chief of police and received no response after several weeks. She then called the station and was told that the issue would be brought up in a Pedestrian Safety Taskforce Meeting. She will continue to follow up
- New Business
 - Parking Services Meeting
 - Open parking during intersession and breaks
 - Why are some living in family and graduate housing not allowed to park in their own lots? School needs to stop overselling spaces
- GSA Elections
 - Job Duties
 - Tentative Timeline:
 - Candidacy Forms Available- Feb 7th
 - Candidacy Forms Due- Feb 28th
 - Candidates Address Council: March 7th
 - Election: March 8-11th via OASIS
 - Secretary will be elected in the Council meeting in April
- Next Meeting
 - SGA Candidates will address the Council
 - Voting for SGA elections is February 8-9th via OASIS
- Open Discussion
 - Science Majors- There will be an informal seminar on how to get a job outside of academia on February 14th at 4:30 in the life sciences building. There will also be a job fair sometime in March. If you have any questions, please contact Timothy Poore
 - Issue in CS: if you decide to get a PhD and you already have a masters from UGA, they make you retake the same classes
 - Does this vary by department?
 - What is the university policy on this?
- Meeting Adjourned: 7:08PM by GSA president Frankie Jones