

## **GSA Minutes- April 4, 2005**

- I.** Meeting Called to order at 6:32 PM by GSA President Frankie Jones
- II.** 15 members present: Bryna Bobick, Liz Bryant, Daniel Byrd, William Duval, Shira Gordon, Noel Heim, Kevin Johnson, Jeff Lake, Leslie Herbert, James Neves, Greg Pillar, Rachel Poretsky, Jessica Principe, Sylvia Schaefer, and Satya Sahoo.
- III.** Dr Arnett Mace- University Provost
  - a. Good news- tentatively, as of January 1, 2006, there will most likely be some level of subsidization of health insurance for graduate assistants. If nothing else, we will join the University Health System which will lower our costs substantially. We are just waiting for the budget allocation before we can iron out the final details.
  - b. The graduate school will be adding 100 more graduate assistantships
  - c. Want to replace 50-60 faculty members who left/ retired
  - d. As of January 1, 2006, Graduate Assistants should be receiving a 2% raise
- IV.** Minutes Approved Unanimously
- V.** Committee Reports
  - a. Community Relations- nothing
  - b. Health Insurance- Need to keep meeting with Andy Brantley about new plan. Should bring costs down significantly.
  - c. International Student Affairs- Will be meeting soon to discuss bus service during holidays
  - d. Fundraising- nothing for now. Will know more in the next few weeks
  - e. GGSIC- nothing
  - f. Social- Happy Hour Friday at Latin Kings with a one-man band to celebrate national graduate student appreciation week
- VI.** Old Business
  - a. Please email Frankie with comments about the GGSIC
  - b. Drop/ Add- there should be a new policy in effect by January 2006. Graduate students would get 6 full business days to drop/ add and undergraduates would have 4 full business days to drop/add. It still needs to be passed but it most likely will be because it makes everyone happy
- VII.** New Business
  - a. Election of Secretary- Noel Heim
  - b. Election of Orientation Committee Chair- no volunteers. If you are interested, please email Frankie
  - c. Please post flyers for Happy Hour
  - d. Remember to get new department reps for next year if you are leaving/ graduating
  - e. SGA- has 5 seats allocated for grad students. If you are interested, please contact Daniel Byrd for more information. We would like someone to go to these meetings and report back to us on any relevant information.