

# GSC Senate Meeting Minutes

2/1/2016

President Valero called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Brian Lane and Jim Conover presented the Student QEP Awareness Briefing. The help of the Senate in spreading the information on QEP to the student body was requested. The presentation concluded at 5:54 PM.

Quorum was met.

No corrections were requested to the December minutes. Minutes were approved.

## **Officer Reports**

### ***President***

- Update on GSC office location, hours, and use/purpose
- SSF (Student Service Fees) – funds for GSC come out of this. Brian Tatum is on the SSF committee. President Valero will be presenting on 2/5. Requested change: more focus on graduate research, so GSC wants to increase funding for research travel by \$50,000, up from the \$25,000 from last year. This money will be intended to directly fund graduate students. The meeting is public and will be held in Union Rm 412 and begin at 9:00 AM.
- Update on tour of colleges – will continue visits this spring. Common concern is that grad students do not have spaces to gather/meet across the university. GSC is working to get space for grad students across the colleges. Will take some time.
- Prior legislation – follow-up planned with Provost on IRB issues.

### ***VPAF***

- Budget - \$17,190 for spring. Allocated mostly to Comm/MKTG and Programming. \$2000 in GSC event fund for student organizations who need GSC support.
- Ideas for activities that require funding will be entertained – Senate can see exec members.

### ***VPCM***

- Update on website - \$1200 cost for website development from web designer in TGS.
- Jing will develop manual on basic web design so that GSC can update site as needed.
- Sections on the website will be devoted to all aspects of the GSC. Special pages will be devoted to topics such as legislation, contact information, and events.

### ***VPPO***

- NAGPS meeting and NGSO were a success. PhD Movie Night was also great.
- Calendar is created but is still flexible. Modification requests and added events will be entertained.
- Social Networking Night – 2/12, 6-8 PM at Alumni Pavilion.

- Quiz Bowl – captains meet 2/16. 3/4-3/5 are the dates of the event.
- DC Trip to advocate for grad students (NAGPS) – 3/12-3/15. Training for first couple of days, then next couple of days devoted to meeting with elected officials. 4 spots are available.
- Denton Community Food Center – 2/27
- GSAC quarterly meeting – 2/24
- Caffeine & Productivity – weekly on Tuesdays, 2-6 PM, Union Rm 339

#### **Old Business**

- Jayson Smith – needing to get more information for R-Fall 2015-5

#### **New Business**

- R-Spring 2016-1 – Mary Mitchell – referred to External Relations
  - 25 voted to adopt; 0 against; 0 abstain
  - Will move forward
- B-Spring 2016-1 – Jesus Valero – referred to Performance and Oversight
  - 21 voted to adopt amended language; 4 against; 0 abstain
  - 22 voted to adopt bill; 3 against; 0 abstain
  - Takes effect immediately

#### **Announcements**

Brian Tatum – Seth Ketron is now Director of Programming

Jim Dale – Campus Carry update posted to [campuscarry.unt.edu](http://campuscarry.unt.edu). Additions & recommendations for the amended policy are on the website

Darla Ray – idea for legislation. Request for better, more appropriate student housing for graduate students. Grad student housing currently limited and run down – not many options. Due to grad student needs, apartment style living is more conducive. Programming is also geared toward undergrads and does not consider grad needs. Rachel Motes and Michele Medina have agreed to co-sponsor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.