

GSAC- Minutes  
31 January 2008

Present: Courtney Stevens, Jason Holliday, Brad Fenwick, Jen Ball, Mariah Laver, Dr. Carnes, Murad Moquel, Chris Lucas, Ally McNitt, Betsey Whited

I. Survey

- A. Additional questions to include
  - 1. Financial assistance
  - 2. Quality of education, course selection, instructors, specifics
  - 3. Comment box asking what concerns students think should be addressed by GSAC
- B. Include a link to our website
- C. Mariah will send Betsey info about getting website
  - 1. All members should email Betsey ([bwhited@emporia.edu](mailto:bwhited@emporia.edu)) a photo and brief bio to be included on website
    - a. this will give GSAC a face
- D. We will send out an email explaining what GSAC is and what the survey is all about before sending out the survey

II. Strategic Planning Committee

- A. After reviewing goal, GSAC prefers: "Improve quality of the Graduate experience"
  - 1. Possible action steps
    - a. workshops for learning how to present at a conference
    - b. grant-writing workshop
    - c. networking
    - d. more involvement with Academic Enhancement
      - 1. the have money, we just need to come up with ideas
- B. Focus Group: Grad Council
  - 1. 7 February 2008, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Plumb Hall in President's Conference Room
  - 2. All are both welcomed and encouraged to go

III. Night at Natasha's

- A. No Bar Olympics
- B. Host a Band
  - 1. If anyone knows a band interested in helping us out should let Betsey or Mariah know
  - 2. Natasha's will give us the total profit from cover charge
  - 3. Tentatively- April 11; possible and earlier one in Feb if we can get a Band
- C. Maybe a Karaoke night
  - 1. Betsey will contact Desperado's to see if we can work something out

IV. ASG

- A. We have to present our case for money on either Feb 27, 28, or March 3

1. \$ for speakers
  - a. Who do we want?
    1. Catherine Millet- author of *Three Magic Letters*, a book about the PhD experience
2. Leadership conference
3. How-to Conference/ Workshop for compiling a Vita
  - a. series of workshops from each of the colleges
  - b. could we just get professors from on campus?

#### V. Service House

- A. Betsey will get a night to be GSAC's night at Abundant Harvest
  1. We will need 4 volunteers from 5-630pm
  2. Betsey will get back about date
- B. Holiday Resorts
  1. Game night
  2. Make and take Valentines
- C. Community Hornets
  1. Mariah will get GSAC set up on this website, then individual members can add their hours instead of filling out paperwork

#### VI. TShirts

- A. White on Kelly green
- B. GSAC on front
- C. Power "E" and quotation on back
- D. Mariah will send out an email giving everyone a last chance to place/ change Order

#### VII. Leadership

- A. "Dynamic Recruitment Workshop"
  1. 3 March 2008
  2. 6-730 pm
  3. Workshop about recruiting and maintaining membership
    - a. Get website ready
    - b. Make a brochure to put in Graduate Studies office

#### VIII. Nominations for "Who's Who in Emporia"

- A. Dr. Carnes will nominate Betsey, Brad, Mariah, and Jen

#### IX. Grad Council

- A. Both editors of ESU Research Studies have resigned
  1. questions as to whether or not to keep it going
- B. Discussed a list of top 4 scholarships
- C. Focus Group meeting for Strategic Planning Committee
  1. 7 February 2008
  2. 330 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor PH

X. Pizza with the Prez