

**Graduate Student Senate – General Meeting  
September 15, 2005 – 11:56 a.m.**

Attendance:

Maggie Clark	Carson Sieving	Jeremy Heilman
Meg Grow	Edmund Ickert	Marjorie Montanez
Elizabeth Olson	Elizabeth DeLyria	Tim Peshek
Chuck Rozek	Chao Xing	Pedro Velez
Mike Rueschman	Zhong Wang	Meghan Halley
Matt Schiefer	Summer Gunn	Megan Nordquest
Maureen Garnett	Kevin Speer	D. Michael Ackermann
Christa Wheeler		

**Welcome**

Liz opens the meeting by introducing the GSS Executive Committee and thanks everyone for attending.

**Positions to Fill**

Meg hands out sign-up forms for departmental senators and for various committees and subcommittees. The committees are important in order to collaborate with various departments on campus and to work for graduate students.

**School of Graduate Studies**

Dean Rozek welcomes graduate students to the meeting and says he is looking forward to collaborating with GSS this year. He highlights the value of graduate students serving on various university committees because it provides exposure to the governance of academia. Dean Rozek then tells the group about a new tuition policy that is in the works that would allow graduate students to take courses outside of their program for no additional cost. Additionally, Dean Rozek will work on strategic planning for GSS and he calls for contributions to the upcoming SGS newsletter.

**Items to Vote On**

The GSS budget will be open to a vote at October's meeting. Matt will distribute the budget for review two weeks before the next general meeting.

**Announcements**

Liz thanks everyone for coming to the Indians game. As for upcoming work for GSS, the strategic planning process is a priority. This plan would help guide GSS in the future and define the goals for the organization. Liz wants to form a committee to assist in this process and to have a final draft in hand by January 2006.

Matt introduces the changes being made to the V-Fund process. The V-Fund awards graduate students with funds to attend conferences and to bind dissertations, and now applications will be accepted on a rolling deadline. Dean Rozek mentions that the School of Graduate Studies has funds outside the V-Fund available to send students to conferences.

### **Open Forum**

Everyone is still interested in trying to find ways to obtain cheaper RTA passes for graduate students. Jeremy is interested in getting 2 or 3 more people to help out in order to research the RTA link to Case as it is now and what might be done.

Liz wants feedback about the lack of childcare facilities on campus. This will be an issue on GSS' agenda for the year.

Dr. T.S. Harvey speaks about the grassroots effort to raise money for long-term hurricane relief: Case, Build Hope! He encourages graduate students to get involved and to put collection cans in their departments.

### **Upcoming Activities**

Case Sings!, performing Thursday 09/22 in Thwing. The GSS food drive and Grad Night Out at Jillian's are upcoming.

**Meeting adjourns, 12:49 p.m.**