February 1, 2010 Minutes

Presiding: Kurt Sollanek, GSAC Chairperson

Present:

Kurt Sollanek, Exercise Science; Sarah Alberti, Communication Disorders; Nancy Leaman, English; Emily Bowers, Mathematics; Caitlin Carbonell, Information & Library Science; Brian Mason, Business Administration; Mark Fisher, Computer Science; Laura Lentz, Counseling/School of Psychology; Ebony McClease, Women’s Studies; Dr. Sandra Holley, Dean of Graduate Studies; Mrs. Arlene Lucibello, GSAC Coordinator; Dr. Peter Troiano, Dean of Student Affairs; Dr. Jerome Hauselt, Psychology; Dr. Cesarina Thompson, Graduate Studies; Sarah Rizzuto (Guest).

Meeting called to order by Kurt Sollanek at 3:05 pm.

Roll Call confirmed those present

Old Business:

Approval of December minutes:

No questions were raised regarding the minutes from the last meeting, nor were there any corrections made. A motion was made by Brian Mason and seconded by Caitlyn Carbonell to approve minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Web Committee:

Mark Fisher reported that the website is up, but there isn’t any color yet. Dean Holley asked Dr. Thompson to contact the liaison in the Public Affairs office to assist in resolving this matter.

Dining Service Committee:

Emily Bowers reported that there will be a closed meeting Friday February 5th in Adanti Student Center Room 312. Mark Fisher and Emily indicated that they would attend the meeting. They asked that GSAC members inform them of any concerns that they had regarding the food service.
University Information Technology Committee:

No new information to report.

Research and Scholarship Committee:

Mrs. Lucibello reported that new applications have come in and need to be reviewed for approval. She asked members of the Research and Scholarship Committee to remain after the adjournment of the meeting to discuss when they would review the applications.

University Strategic Plan Review Committee (USPaRC):

No new information to report.

Budget Report:

The Spring 2010 budget allocation was $32,000.00 The budget remained the same as Fall semester with the exception of a increase in student conferences from $5,000 to $10,000. Motion for approval of budget made by Mark Fisher and seconded by Brian Mason. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Graduate Dean’s Report:

Dean Holley reported that by Fall 2010 the ISBN numbers for all textbooks are to be made available to students when they register for their classes. She also reported that the new revised SCSU Thesis Guidelines are posted on the Southern website. Graduate students are urged to read the Guidelines and follow them explicitly when writing their thesis. Starting July 1st students will have to pay for black and white printing when using printers in SCSU computer labs and other campus sites. The price per copy has not been finalized. Mobile printing also will be available to students in the near future.

Dean Holley requested that GSAC would defray the cost of paper weights to be given to all graduates who participate in the Graduate Commencement. Motion to approve was made by Sarah Alberti, and seconded by Brian Mason. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Holiday Baskets (follow up):

Brian Mason reported that the University total was 404. Dr Peter Troiano reported that the boxes were bigger this year than last year, and that this year’s total was higher than last year’s by a third. The Holiday boxes went to the Coordinating Center for Families in Crisis for the greater New Haven Area.

Ebony McClease reported on the SCSU Haitian Relief Committee which will be collecting food and clothes for 365 days. There are a total of 60 students and faculty involved.
New Business:

Noctua Review Funding:

Sarah Rizzuto requested GSAC funding for the 3rd volume of the Noctua Review for Spring 2010. The amount requested was $1,783 which includes 400 copies. A motion was made to fund printing costs for the Noctua Review by Caitlin Carbonell, and seconded by Nancy Leaman.

GSAC Spring 2010 Goals:

1. Career Services/GSAC workshop will be held on April 8th, 6-7:30pm
2. How to get into graduate school will be held on March 3rd, 1-2pm
3. Promote the Graduate Research Fellowship symposium to be held on May 6th, 2-4:30pm
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Other

The annual GSAC luncheon will be held on May 10th, 12:30 at the Play Wright restaurant in Hamden (Putnam and Whitney).

Meeting Adjourned by Kurt Sollanek at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Mason, GSAC Vice Chairperson