GSAC MINUTES

April 5, 2010

Presiding: Kurt Sollanek, GSAC Chairperson

Present:
Kurt Sollanek, Exercise Science; Nancy Leaman, English; Laura Lentz, Counseling and School Psychology; Caitlin Carbonell, Information & Library Science; Brian Mason, Business Administration; Mark Fisher, Computer Science; Kaitlyn Fenner, Social Work; Ebony McClease, Women’s Studies; Dr. Sandra Holley, Dean of Graduate Studies; Mrs. Arlene Lucibello, GSAC Coordinator; Dr. Jerome Hauselt, Psychology; Dr. Cesarina Thompson, Graduate Studies. Dr. Nicole Fluhr, English Department.

Meeting called to order by Kurt Sollanek at 3:07 pm.

Roll Call by Brian Mason confirmed those present.

Old Business:

Approval of March 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 Mark Fisher to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Web Committee:

Mark Fisher reported that the website is up. Dean Holley commended him for his perseverance in getting the website available for review.

Dining Service Committee:

Mark Fisher reported that the Adanti Center staff is replacing Coyote Jack, Salad Bar, and Sbarro. They are planning on replacing them with Pappa Johns and a Taco Burrito style restaurant.
University Information Technology Committee:

Kurt Sollanek reported that surveys will be going out, once permission is granted, to students and faculty about how they use IT on campus.

Research and Scholarship Committee:

Mrs. Arlene Lucibello reported that the total of all applicants for GSAC funding, pending receipts came to $6918.46. This leaves the conference funding line balance of $3081.54. Motion was made to allocate the amount that was requested as an exception without precedent, to the full amount of $4298.46 pending receipts. Motion to approve was made by Kaitlyn Fenner, and seconded by Laura Lentz. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jerome Hauselt commended the GSAC Research and Scholarship Committee for their dedication and hard work.

University Strategic Plan Review Committee (USPaRC):

No new information to report.

Haiti Relief Effort on Campus:

Ebony McClease reported that she will email Kurt Sollanek the list of upcoming events which will be sent out to GSAC members.

Budget Report:

No new information to report.

Graduate Dean’s Report:

Dean Holley reported that the Graduate Open House is on April 22nd from 3:00pm to 7:00pm held in the Adanti Student Center Ballroom. GSAC representatives are asked to attend. The Graduate Council received the Special Project Final Report Guidelines to review. The Council will vote on approval of the Guidelines at their May meeting. If approved, the Guidelines will become effective starting Fall 2011.

New Business:

Funding Graduate Conference:

Ebony McClease requested funding for the 19th Annual Women’s Studies Conference. Dean Holley made a motion that GSAC fund up to $2,500 for the Conference. The motion was seconded by Mark Fisher. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
Funding English Graduate Conference:

Dr. Nicole Fluhr requested funds for the English Department’s 11th Annual Graduate Conference held on Saturday April 24th 2010. The amount requested was $15 per graduate student up to $750 total. A motion was made to approve funding for the English Graduate Conference by Nancy Leaman, and seconded by Mark Fisher. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously. Dr. Fluhr also requested a $150 Honorarium for the guest speaker. A motion was made to approve funding for the honorarium by Caitlin Carbonell, and seconded by Nancy Leaman. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Graduate Celebration:

Mrs. Arlene Lucibello made a motion that GSAC offer $125 per department for graduate commencement departmental activities. Motion to approve was made by Caitlin Carbonell and seconded by Kaitlyn Fenner. All were in favor. Motion Passed unanimously.

GSAC Luncheon:

Kurt Sollanek reported that the GSAC Luncheon will be held on May 10th, 12:30 at the PlayWright restaurant in Hamden.

Other:

Wednesday May 26th there will be rehearsals for the Graduate commencement. Dean Holley stated that graduate student volunteers are needed to serve as ushers for the two graduate commencement ceremonies. Volunteers are requested to contact Mr. Kevin McNamara in the Department of Communication Disorders to indicate their willingness to serve. Ushers are expected to attend the Graduate Commencement rehearsal on Wednesday, May 26th from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the Lyman Center auditorium.

Meeting Adjourned by Kurt Sollanek at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Mason, GSAC Vice Chairperson