

**GSC General Meeting
Minutes for April 2, 2008**

THOSE PRESENT

Officers

President—James Doyle (Anthropology)
VP, Administration—Dina Obeid (Physics)
Treasurer—Alptekin Küpçü (Computer Science)
Technology Officer—Jadrian Miles (Computer Science)
VPs, Social—Craig Yennie (Chemistry), Jesse Davis (Chemistry)
Secretary—Benjamin Philip (Neuroscience)

Department Representatives

Thomas Chen (Am Civ)
Gosia Rymsen-Panlocuska, proxy for Amanda Murray (Am Civ)
Kathleen Millar (Anthro)
Jessica Nadel (App Math)
Nathaniel Lepp (BM-MPH)
Omar Lansari (BM-MCB)
Racquel Sherwood (BM-MCB)
Graham Page (BM-MPPB)
David Valenzuela (BM-Neuro)
Jessica Thaxton (BM-Patho)
Victoria Ruiz (BM-Patho)
Cynthia Swanson (Classics)
Jon Ericson (Cog Ling Sci)
Andrew Bartholomew (Comp Sci)
Ed Kalafarski (Comp Sci)
Emilio Guitierrez (Econ)
Petros Milionis (Econ)
Cory McEleney (English)
Khristina Gonzalez (English)
Allison Fong (French Stud)
Erik Anderson (History)
James Kabala (History)
Roberto Bacci (Italian Stud)
Steffen Marcus (Math)
James Ruchala (Music)
Dana Howard (Philosophy)
Maxwell Pines (Philosophy)
Wanchun Wei (Physics)
Michael Antosh (Physics)
Unnamed proxy for Sarah Stamper (Psych)
Sharon Hochfelder (Pub Pol)
Matthew Harvey (Pub Pol)
Jing Song (Sociol)

PROCEEDINGS

I. Approval of the Minutes from the February Meeting

Approved

II. Invited Speakers

None scheduled

III. Group Recognitions

None scheduled

IV. Funding Requests: Group—Amount—Event

Grad-Med-Staff LGBTQ - \$250 – Pride Month Social & Colloquium

Christina Gonzales representing. Approved.

V. Executive Reports and Announcements

i. GSC president: Wilson Dublois fellowship

5 nominees. Various graduate students described the roles and contributions of each nominee. The council selected Nancy Picard, of the Graduate School.

ii. GSC president: selection of Commencement student speaker

5 respondents: Gillian Goldfarb, Kelly Schneiderman, Rachel Rogers, Andrew Porwancher, Casey Marks. Each made a brief presentation on why they wish to be selected as commencement speaker, either in the form of a short commencement-style speech or a description of qualifications and plans. The council selected Casey Marks.

iii. GSC VP-admin: External committee elections

*Numerous graduate students ran for positions on external committees. List below is up-to-date committee membership; **bold** names indicate members newly elected at this meeting. Asterisk (*) indicates committees that still have vacancies.*

**Computing advisory board – humanities: vacant*

-Computing advisory board – science: Socrates Dimitriadis (CogLing Sci)

-Campus life advisory board: Molly Waring (Epidemiology)

*-Campus life subcommittee - athletics & phys. Ed: **Ratnesh Gupta (Engin)***

-Campus planning advisory board: Regina Grebla (Epidemiology)

*-Diversity advisory board: Laura Cohen (AmCiv), **Nicholas Everage (MCB)***

*-Library advisory board: **Malgorzata Rymysza-Pawlowska (Am Civ), Melissa Katz (Hist Art Arch)***

-Advis comm corp responsibility investment: Jim Palardy (Bio-Med)

-Advis comm. Honorary degrees: Hussein Banai (Poli Sci)

**Parking violations appeals board: vacant*

-Public safety oversight committee: Elena Tenenbaum (CogLing Sci)

*-University resources committee: **Omar Lansari (MCB)***

*-College curriculum council: **Amanda Katz (Lit Arts)***

**Graduate council- humanities: vacant*

- Graduate council- physical sciences: Julie Waters (Engin)
- Graduate council- social sciences: William Tatum (History)
- Graduate council- life sciences: **Graham Poage (MPPB)**
- University community council: James Doyle (Anthro), **Joseph Bush (Chemistry)**, **Lauren Buckel (MCB)**
- University creative arts council: Hilary Kaplan (Comp Lit)
- University disciplinary council: James Doyle (Anthro), Priya Mahajan (Public Policy), **Matthew Harvey (Pub Pol)**, **Omar Lansari (MCB)**
- Student activities advisory board: Josephine Chiles (Am Civ)
- *Designated suppliers working group: vacant
- Campus center planning advisory group: **Anthony Evans (Psych)**
- Advis comm. NE assoc schools colleges: Nitin Jadhav (Engin)
- Working group on graduate education: Cengiz Pehlevan (Physics), Brian Ballentine (Comp Lit)

iv. GSC Treasurer: Possible constitution changes

Create accountability for department representatives and external committee members who don't do their job. Soliciting input and interest for how to do this, possibly via the creation of a subcommittee.

VI. External Committee Reports and Announcements

William Tatum reported on proceedings from the Graduate Council. External reviews coming for various programs. Discontinued "concurrent degree" option for undergraduates to get masters' degrees. Abolished University Curriculum Council, it was overlapping with other councils and subcommittees. This council decides candidacy extensions past 8 years.

Socrates Dimitriadis reported on discussion from Computing Advisory Board, requesting feedback on regular/secure campus wireless networks.

VII. Other News

Next GSC General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7, at 7 p.m. in the Graduate Student Lounge.