

GSC CABINET MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2016, 3:30 pm, AU640

ATTENDING: Ward (PRESIDING in the absence of Johnson), Jeter, Vranovci, Burbridge, Sims, Gerner, Wilkinson, Hawkins, Nguyen, Blanchard, Shelby Cormack (ASG Treasurer).
ABSENT: Johnson (academic), Park (work schedule).

I. CALL TO ORDER, Ward, 3:30 pm

II. ATTENDANCE: above. Quorum met.

III. APPROVE MINUTES. Approved.

IV. APPROVE AGENDA. Approved.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT. None

VI. REPORTS:

- a. **SPEAKER (WARD REPORTING):** The Graduate Council passed the student medical/life event leave resolution. Johnson will present it to the Faculty Senate.
- b. **VICE-SPEAKER:**
 1. Consent Fair will be November 8 in the International Connections Lounge, 11-2. There will be a table with data and awareness materials.
 2. Conference Committee on JR1 (Bikes, Blues, and BBQ Resolution): still need one more representative to sit on the CC. We have 2 members already and need 1 more who is supportive of the resolution.
 3. ASG All-Call will be Wed, Nov 16 at 5 pm in the Grad Ed foyer immediately before our November general meeting. 2 more speakers needed to discuss events that effect grad and undergrad students. Jeter has already volunteered; will speak on food insecurity. Send ideas for topics to the Vice-Speaker.
 4. Met with Lynne Bell re: the bid process for the dining contract. There is a process underway and we are working to see if the GSC can more actively be involved. Put forth ideas such as for the credit card machines and reasonably-priced options.
 5. Next Thursday (11/17) will be the Career Seminar.
 6. Cabinet members can do office hours anytime. Ward won't log these hours.
- c. **SECRETARY (reporting for Blanchard. Blanchard arrived later):**
 1. Announced Lunch and Learn food resources showcase event, Sat 11/19, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Brough 2nd floor. Ward: we could leave it open till 11/17 and discuss it at the 11/16 All-Call. We can email Mike McAllister about how many we want and get a solid number by Wednesday.
 2. Discussed focus groups and forthcoming white paper.
- d. **TREASURER:** will meet with his committee next week, Mon 11/14.
- e. **PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Policy and Procedures still working on final touches for legislation.

- f. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS/ADVOCACY
 - 1. Sims and Johnson attended the national conference of the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students. He presented on voting issues there
 - 2. Sims will go to Little Rock on the 18th for grad and undergrad issues.
 - 3. Sims is thinking about a bipartisan forum and hopes to conduct it before the Little Rock session. It's in the formation phase.
- g. INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS: no report (absent)
- h. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS/MARKETING:
 - 1. 11/19 Lunch and Learn will be on the Newswire
 - 2. Tapestry event has many/increasing likes and shares on social media
 - 3. Report on best way to reach grad students. We need demographics on grads.
 - 4. SNAP assistance/info program coming up
 - 5. 11/17 seminar on finding jobs in academia
- i. SOCIAL CHAIR: 12/5 will be the next coffee, 8:30 to 9:30 with Fulbright
- j. FACILITIES:
 - 1. Having meeting with committee next week
 - 2. Trying to get the bus to run on Sunday.
 - 3. BURBRIDGE: found out from University officials that Lot 56 is roped off for the marching band because it has no other practice field. Officials don't want the band to mark up the intramural field.
- k. GRADUATE STUDENT LIFE:
 - 1. Blanchard noted that the Newswire needs a signup link for the Lunch and Learn event. Ward: we have the All-Call and can email Mike to ask if we can send the signup sheet Wednesday. We can send the signup through Dean Koski's listserv now.
 - 2. His committee is working on things right now.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: Ward went through the GSC Goals—Committee Metrics: food security, student parents, life event leave, travel funding, undergrad research pipeline, stipends, housing, office space, CMS/Blackboard, summer bus schedule, Chartwell's and competitive bid process.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS.:

- a. OFA STANDING RULES. Cormack discussed the SRs and changes to them for the academic year 2016-17. She discussed the following:
 - 1. Dependents coming to events. Compromise about dependents: 15 non-students. The University would encourage the use of card swipes for events for the data collection process. Change to children under 3 years of age—don't eat much.
 - 2. Change to pre-event consultation
 - 3. Change to conference funding request deadline—7 days to 5. Discussed conference funding for RSOs.
 - 4. Changes to what can be funded and what can't be
 - 5. Funding not for speakers driving from Little Rock. There was abuse of rental cars and taxis from XNA re: funding.
 - 6. Sustainability and Styrofoam—encouraging non-purchase of Styrofoam since it is not recyclable. BURBRIDGE: what about Styrofoam cups and peanuts? CORMACK: cups and plates. BLANCHARD: what about plastic? Paper not recycled in Fayetteville. CORMACK: no Styrofoam—compromise; Cormack admitted not being really aware of this issue area.

7. BURBRIDGE: about kids at events—have we heard from undergrads? CORMACK: mostly grads. WARD: kids stressed as all-student issue. CORMACK: card scanners are not to turn people away. Hopes all events will have scanners for data collection. Having them will be good for all events. BURBRIDGE: who will analyze the data? CORMACK: the card office will analyze the data. WARD: you can request funds if grads are part of clubs. We can request funds and the OFA won't stop funding. It took us 3 years to get the board to see that turning away kids is discriminatory. SIMS: does the University provide scanners? WARD: yes. BLANCHARD: they can provide.
8. MOTION to accept OFA SR as recommend to pass. Second. PASSES.

b. JR 3: OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

1. WARD: textbooks too expensive. OER can make them accessible online. This can apply especially for large-, open-enrollment classes.
2. SIMS: not for University-centered courses.
3. WARD: check with Johnson re: what people are talking about. We can go to Burbridge (Policy and Procedures) for legislation issues.
4. BURBRIDGE: who will investigate?
5. WARD: needs clarification.
6. GERNER: 1.23—explain “need”
7. WARD: modify and amend 1. 23
8. BLANCHARD: who supports in 1. 51?
9. BURBRIDGE: who will investigate and address this Resolution?
10. SIMS: we're part of the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students, which pushes OER.
11. WARD: we can't provide answers. Maybe table. We can't pass without clarification before the next meeting. Pass with clarification.
12. MOTION: pass with clarification. Second. Pass.

c. JR 4: REAFFIRM ASG COMMITMENT TO AN ON-CAMPUS EARLY VOTING CENTER.

1. WARD: Follows our summer push that failed
2. SIMS: For the county election commission, there were logistical issues re: staffing of voting machines
3. BLANCHARD: parking?
4. BURBRIDGE: logistical issues?
5. SIMS: The commission didn't clarify. There were issues getting pollworkers. Buying new machines is too expensive and they are sending many to Benton County.
6. BURBRIDGE: many here are politically active.
7. SIMS: 2017 will see a revisitation of the issue. It happened too late, namely, May 2016.
8. JETER: what about funding? There was an issue about funding sources for this.
9. WARD: we can't obligate student government at this time and in the future.
10. BLANCHARD: it's the Election Commission's duty to ensure voting.
11. JETER: was the University a precinct?
12. SIMS: not sure.
13. BURBRIDGE: do we forward this Resolution to folks like the Election Commission?
14. SIMS: keep it internal for now
15. WARD: doesn't want to put pressure on the future ASG representatives

16. MOTION: accept to pass. Second. Passes.

d. GSC RESOLUTION 2: AWARENESS OF ISSUES FACING INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDENTS.

1. WARD: heard from Johnson—concern with the vision. Did it go through Dean Koski's office to get the Graduate School take? We should run it through Dean Koski first. Has a few questions about it.

2. MOTION: postpone to next meeting. Second.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WARD: ASG All-Call on Wednesday, 11/16/16

X. ADJOURN: 4:43 pm

SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW,

Garrett C. Jeter

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