



Graduate Student Congress
Associated Student Government
University of Arkansas

MINUTES

April 21, 2016
Graduate Education Building
Auditorium
6:00 PM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Attendance
 - a. Quorum met with 27/35 members present.
- III. Approve Minutes, Mar. 30 Meeting
 - a. No opposition.
- IV. Approve Agenda
 - a. No opposition.
- V. The Inaugural GSC Awards: Vice Speaker Madeleine Forrest
 - A. VS: A big thank you to Arley and the finance committee.
 - A. Community Ally of the Year Award: Mr. Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of Fayetteville
 - a. VS: This goes to Fayetteville mayor Lioneld Jordan. Because graduate students are more likely to live off campus and depend on community services, we are indebted to Mayor Jordan. In his support for civil rights, he has proven an invaluable ally.
 - B. Civic Ally of the Year Award: Mr. Greg Leding, State Representative for District 86
 - a. VS: This is going to Rep. Greg Leding. He has proven to be an invaluable ally for graduate students and throughout the state because of his service in the general assembly and the higher education sub-committee. He acts as a voice for graduate student issues, and serves as a link between graduate students and Arkansas government. He also served as a panelist on the student debt panel.
 - C. Administrative Ally of the Year Award: Dr. Pat Koski, Associate Dean of the Graduate School

- a. VS: This is awarded to Dr. Koski, associate Dean of the Graduate School. Unfortunately she had a previous commitment. Since its inception, Dr. Koski has played a crucial role in the formation of GSC. When we went to Dr. Koski 4 years ago about forming the GSC, she was the only administrator who supported us from day one.
- D. Staff Ally of the Year Award: Ms. Amanda Cantu, Director of GSIE Communications
 - a. VS: This goes to Ms. Amanda Cantu. In her capacity as a liaison for GSC, she has proven to be an invaluable ally. In addition, her work in programming for graduate students, she has proven to be a critical part of graduate student experience.
- E. Faculty Ally of the Year Award: Dr. Lisa Corrigan, Associate Professor of Communication
 - a. Trea: I am excited to be presenting this award. Dr. Corrigan, more than any other faculty this year, has provided service and assistance to graduate students and GSC. She has always been a source of support for this body. She facilitated a day-long seminar with executive this past summer to develop a strategy for the year. And lastly, she makes time for us when she is clearly the hardest working person in academic show business.
- F. The Alex Marino Service Award: Mr. Joseph Daniels III, Graduate Student in Civil Engineering and President of BGSA
 - a. Marino: I am deeply honored to be giving this service award to Joseph Daniels, in the civil engineering doctoral program. Daniels is more than fitting for this award for his service to the grad school, the university at large, and the northwest arkansas community. As the president of BGSA, Joseph has hosted many programs for undergraduates and graduates, served as keynote speaker for the 2016 MLK Vigil. He is very active in the community, and involved in NWA NAACP and Compassion Fayetteville. He served on a committee addressing stereotypes of African American males. That someone so deserving would win an award named after me is humbling.
- G. The 2016 Research Award: Mr. Chenggang Lai, Graduate Student in Computer Science and Computer Engineering
 - a. VS: Mr. Lai is a member of computer science and engineering doctoral program. He has been a prolific researcher, presenting 11 conference papers in 4 years.
- H. Graduate Student Congress Outreach Award: Mr. Arley Ward, Treasurer of the GSC

- a. VS: This goes to someone very familiar to all of us. Ward is a PhD candidate in the History department. It has been a pleasure to work with Arley on GSC for the past 2 years. He always shows up, and always has a smile on his face. It is a pleasure to work with him. And while he has been treasurer, we have always been in the black. He does a lot of behind-the-scenes things that we do not see. And as a symbol of his frugality, he did not print his own certificate to save money.
- I. VS: The SOOIE Banquet, the student involvement awards, were last week. and I had the pleasure present award to Jeter and Kimbrough for outstanding members of the year.
- J. Finally, we all know that it is a big job to keep us all on track. As I mentioned with Arley, there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes. The person who makes this organization work is our speaker, Scout Johnson. I would like to thank her for her service. And thank you for your service.
- K. Speaker: We will recognize Rep. Leding when he arrives.
- L. I would like to introduce our executive team for next year for ASG.

VI. Special Orders

- A. Adviser Amanda Cantu (3 minutes)
 - a. No report.
- B. ASG Adviser Rainer Gall (3 minutes)
 - a. The official ASG inauguration is Dead, May 6, at 11 am in the Union Theater. Anyone who was elected is welcome to attend that. The Chancellor will be present, and will be swearing them in.
 - b. For anyone interested, ASG has a couple of other leadership positions open in cabinet and university committee appointments. Go to asgforms.uark.edu. Applications due tomorrow by noon.
 - c. Tonight is our last meeting, including with me. I am the interim assistant director this year. They have not announced who they will hire, but I suspect that will be announced within a week or two.
 - d. Good luck to the new leadership and new representatives.
 - e. Speaker: I would like to thank Rainer for his service this year.
- C. ASG President Tanner Bone (5 minutes)
 - a. We will have the grand opening for the campus closet on May 2--Boss Hog Outfitters. Next Pizza Awards are this next Wednesday. Purchase tickets in the office. That money goes to the U of A Cares Fund who need emergency financial assistance. I met with the chancellor last week. He has met with 62/75 departments. 3 focus groups will work through

the summer. More students will be incorporated into the academic plan in the fall. And thank you to all of you for your service this year. You have been fantastic. We have learned a lot from your meetings as you have been able to intentionally dissect legislation. And special shoutout to Scout, who was an important member of our executive team this year.

- D. Caucus Report: COEHP: Reps. Feraro and Kimbrough (3 minutes)
 - a.

VII. Reports

A. Speaker Scout Johnson (5 minutes)

- a. The Grad School is adding programs that will help departments in hiring assistants. If there are two highly qualified assistant candidates, departments can hire both. This is one way they are trying to attract more grad students on campus. They are also looking into summer stipends for PhD candidates to do research. That has not been finalized. Finally, for PhD students who have almost finished but lost their assistantship, they will have one year of funds to finish.
- b. Many of you have probably seen that Mizzou had a unionization vote this past week. They voted for that with 84% majority. They are now affiliated with 2 educational unions. You may have people asking you about that.
 - i. Wesolowski: For staff or graduate assistants?
 - ii. Speaker: GAs. The university has failed to recognize them as employees all year.
- c. I was at the regional conference last week in NY. We had some good sessions and ideas for events going forward. Starting tomorrow, 6 of us will be going to Mizzou for a regional conference. We have the opportunity to talk about the U of A and GSC. We will all be going there tomorrow. I will send out an update once we return.

B. Vice Speaker Madeleine Forrest (3 minutes)

- a. Networking Etiquette event - Tuesday, April 26 at 5:00 p.m. (Gearhart 102)
 - i. This is one of our last big events. Please invite your departments. This flyer has gone out through the listserv and social media. It is also on Newswire. It is being run by the Etiquette School of Oklahoma. Arley has attended her programs before, and said they were helpful. There will be food. But first there will be a 45 minute presentation to discuss post-conference reception etiquette. I think this will be extremely helpful. This is also an opportunity to discuss

wardrobe for professional events. Please spread the word.

- C. Treasurer Arley Ward (1 minute)
 - a. Thanks to the Finance Committee: Feraro, Ardeneaux, Vallowe. We laid the foundation for future endeavors, including travel grants. We also want to thank those who helped with GSC awards: Burbridge, Wesolowski, Feraro.
- D. Secretary Mark Nabors (1 minute)
 - a. No report.
- E. External Relations and Marketing Chair, Jade Newsome (1 minute)
 - a. Marino: Jade asked everyone to like and share event flyers online. This helps with getting the word out. Please mention these events to your departments and peers.
 - b. Speaker: Please recruit at departmental meetings.
- F. International Concerns Chair, Supriya Thote (1 minute)
 - a. Absent.
- G. Social Chair, Jessica Guinn (1 minute)
 - a. The Grad Student Picnic, 2nd annual, is the day after Dead Day, May 7, at the Ozark Hall courtyard.
- H. Legislative Affairs Director, Rachel Spencer (1 minute)
 - a. Absent.
 - b. Speaker: The RAG committee has all but finalized the legislative honor roll. Leding is a member of the inaugural honor roll. That will be released sometime next week to the public. We will be honoring those representatives who have been putting students first in Little Rock.
- I. Parliamentarian, Frankc Berlanga-Medina (1 minute)
 - a. Thanks to the committee: Phillips, Nimmo, Burbridge, Treat, and Wesolowski. Their help was invaluable this year.
- J. Graduate Student Life Committee Chair, Rodica Lisnic (1 minute)
 - a. Garrett, Stacy, and I met with dean of student affairs to discuss graduate student food insecurity. They are open to our ideas, and have great ideas of their own. We will have another meeting in May, for which they invited director for CCE and Lipson from Chartwell's.
- K. Facilities Committee Chair, Philip Gilley (1 minute)
 - a. Absent.

VIII. Old Business

- A. ASG Joint Bill 7: The Election Reform Act of 2016: Speaker Scout Johnson (15 minutes)
 - a. **Cabinet Recommendation: Pass as amended.**
 - b. Speaker: The purpose of this bill is to address problems with people getting dropped for missing a quiz or an expense report. The purpose of this bill is to remove barriers. The

original purpose of orientation/quiz was to inform people of the rules to prevent campaign violations--but what it has turned in to is a quiz where all the answers are A. It is a barrier. Those affected by this barrier tend to be those outside the senate, both in GSC and in Senate. The second portion is the expense report. In the 6 elections GSC has done, not one grad student has spent a single penny. In Cabinet we added non-traditional and commutor students. We have taken out the executive officer reforms. Senate is concerned that without orientations or quizzes, people will not know the rules. We have added language that one will have to physically opt out on application for orientation/quiz and spending money. Finally, they will not automatically be disqualified if they do not turn it in by noon the day after the election--that window was just too short. We have put 10 business days in place, giving people time to turn in reports before the official inauguration. They will not be sworn in unless they have turned in an expense report.

- c. Burbridge: The line that requires a written statement seems redundant.
 - i. Speaker: Yes, we didn't catch that.
 - ii. Burbridge: I move to add that they must do this unless they opt out. Seconded. Opposition.
 - iii. Marino: I would suggest that we just copy the verbage, rather than create new language.
 - iv. Speaker: We will now go to a vote. The amendment passes.
- d. Proxy for Powers: Why wouldn't we make our own election process?
 - i. Speaker: Currently we are under ASG, and elections are administered by ASGJ.
- e. Wesolowski: Was Section 5 C (c) with cocurricular activites? Was that discussed? Co curricular requirements are different for graduate students.
 - i. Speaker: Yes, next year it is the one hour dissertation. They are in the process of making that.
 - ii. Gall: That discussion has started. We fully understand that grad students would only be in one hour. But that is a change to the code of student life, which is above our office.
 - iii. Speaker: But every administrator we have approached have been open.
- f. Burbridge: Section 5 C, the numbering of b is repeated. That is a typo and can be corrected without our voting.

- g. Marino: In section 10 (h), my copy has mission punctuations, after “following” I believe there should be a colon.
- h. We now move into a period of debate. Is there any debate against this bill? Is there any additional debate? Seeing none, we will move to voting.
- i. The Bill passes: 92%-0%-8%.**
- j. Speaker: This bill has already gone to Senate, and it failed unanimously. However, we will be having a conference committee because the bill was amended. I will need 3 other representatives in addition to myself.
 - i. Burbridge: Their concerns?
 - ii. Speaker: The executive thing. And they have the new rule about running on tickets, and they are concerned about orientation/quizzes. That’s why we added the opt out language.
 - iii. Honey: Is there any mention of law students?
 - iv. Speaker: Law students will be eligible to run at large in the fall vacancy election. Once the spring general election comes in 2017, based on enrollment figures, we will apportion seats.
 - v. Marino: Has the chancellor signed that?
 - vi. Gall: It it standard for us to wait until May.
 - vii. Speaker: There is no indication he would not sign it.

B. OFA Standing Rules: Speaker Scout Johnson (15 minutes)

a. Cabinet Recommendation: Table.

- b. ASG Treasurer Ray Todd: Thank you, Scout, for yielding your time to me. Ticketed events are those with consumables (i.e., food) and over 10 non-students. Those non-students must pay. We want to ensure that non-ticketed events maintain that 2-1 student:nonstudent ratio. So events exceeding this will not be funded. The point of contention is that a lot of graduate student organizations are deterred from hosting events. But excluding dependents would drastically decrease the amount of resources available for RSOs. From a micro perspective, implementing this policy would just decrease the amount of resources for consumption. Our exit surveys showed that the number 1 comment was that we ran out of food. I definitely understand we need to face food insecurity. But we need to look out for students. I don’t have an answer for food insecure students who don’t get food. And this students first priority is consistent across other areas of student affairs. I think this is a conversation we should have, however. We came up with a

potential idea tonight that maybe GSC and Senate puts together a lump sum at the beginning of the year, so we are not dishing out money to students who are willing to pay for their dependents while facing the food insecurity problem head-on. Tabing these standing rules will not accomplish anything, but will only restrict the OFA board from serving RSOs.

- c. Trea: I am struck by the fact that you came close to exceeding funding. Have you ever run out of funding based on these additional people?
 - i. Todd: No, that's never happened. But every year as more RSOs figure out the process, we get closer every year.
- d. Marino: What is your typical non-dependent, non-student at these events? The term "student dependent" was only added last year?
 - i. Todd: Typically, these are very large events with 300-400 members. Most of the time those are children.
 - ii. Marino: So the majority of non-students are dependents?
 - iii. Todd: Based on our feedback, it has been mainly children. But again, if it were a boyfriend or girlfriend, there is no way to identify that they are not students.
- e. Trea: So when you audited, how would you make sure that people who aren't children aren't breaking this rule anyway?
 - i. Todd: OFA members are not there to police the rules. They are there to audit and bring back notes so we can discuss for next year.
 - ii. Trea: So if you can't enforce it, the only people who are going to be punished are those with children?
 - iii. Todd: Right. So a lot of these events are using card readers. But those are a very small number of events.
- f. New Rep: Your concern is that ASG is running out of money because of non-students. How has funding changed with number of student organizations and events hosted? To me, the logical contention is we are running out of money because more organizations are applying. I would want to see how funding compares with number of active RSOs.
 - i. Todd: Based on an article from the Traveler, we know that the number of active RSOs are very low.
- g. Vallowe: If enrollment is going up, and it is, presumably the number of RSOs are going up? Is new funding available in proportion to new RSOs? If not, if that is why you're running into funding troubles?

- i. Todd: I don't know about proportionally, but every student is required to pay the student event. We have about \$250,000 for RSO events.
- h. Trea: I understand the logic, but what other considerations are you making--e.g., lowering the number of overall funds or the number of events you can apply for?
 - i. Todd: I agree. We have had feedback on that that RSOs would like to hold more events on campus. That is something we should talk about.
- i. Marino: As a speaker I attended a standing rules session. And feeding children was called theft. And last year's treasurer said that tabling this would do nothing and that we could address it next year? What is different?
 - i. Todd: This issue was brought up last year. But I haven't heard about it until yesterday. I also made a proposal before this meeting. Not only would we be using student fees properly, but also tackling the issue of food insecurity head on.
- j. Speaker: Point of information to Treasurer: How much was allocated to meals for graduate students? About 20-25% of all funds.
 - i. Todd: This was only an idea. I didn't want to come empty handed. Next year GSC will receive another \$2000 in funding. But I don't think you should have to tackle this single handedly.
- k. Vallowe: As it clearly states on line 210, funds have to have educational value. One event this year was for Razorback Booster Club--"this pep rally will be held to announce the homecoming queen and serve as a pregame spirit funding." How does that meet the criteria? And if these are the events that are being funded, is that not a reason for which OFA is running out of money?
 - i. Todd: The reasoning behind those who voted for that budget is because students are learning traditions.
 - ii. Vallowe: How does that translate into educational value? If you're funding pep rallies, but you're questioning events with guest speakers or those that are promoting student research, what are the rules? And how do you deny events with student parents, but give funding to pep rallies?
 - iii. Todd: These are things the board must debate. The board thought that students would benefit from this event.
- l. Kimbrough: It seems like mentioning international student events--there are a lot of children present because there are a

lot of student families. And isn't it also typical for student events to be represented by 18-21 year olds. I have to attend these events because I'm required, and I would not want to be turned away.

- i. Todd: We do not turn away students.
- m. Move to suspend the rules to allow adviser Gall to speak.
Seconded. Opposition. Motion passes.
 - i. Gall: Clearly there are valid concerns. One major point of disagreement is that this is the first they are being told of these issues.
 - ii. Speaker: To my knowledge, we were not invited into these conversations.
 - iii. Todd: There is a permanent GSC position on the board.
 - iv. Gall: I understand this is your body, you have the authority to pass or fail.
 - v. Sec: How many people were on the board last year and this year? 3 of the 9.
 - vi. Marino: Rainer, were you present at this meeting?
 - vii. Trea: Aren't you asking us to kick the can again? We wanted to table in cabinet so we can fix these rules over the summer?
 - viii. Gall: My understanding is that if these rules were tabled, they were stuck. But if these rules are tabled, OFA can submit another version, but it would affect this rule.
 - ix. Trea: So you're saying this is all moot anyway?
 - x. Gall: No, the current version would just have to be changed.
- n. Proxy: Has it been discussed that an RSO would not need to count dependents under a certain age? And is the OFA Board required to go through a neutrality training, and if so, then why is that not in the standing rules?
 - i. Gall: It has not been proposed. It has never gone further than merely discussing it. I think we could explore that. To your second question, yes, the board is trained including viewpoint neutrality.
- o. Kimbrough: Does OFA control the auditing of events? Yes.
- p. We now move into a period of debate. Do we have debate against?
- q. Vallowe: Until OFA can solve other issues, that this issue is really a separate issue. If they are not even sticking to the things on here, like educational value, maybe that's an issue to address first.

- r. Berlanga: Point of technicality: Dependent is not defined. That might not only be a child, but a spouse or an elderly family member.
- s. Marino: In 2012-2013, I raised this issue as a senator. The answer for the treasurer was let's talk about this next year. The same thing happened in 2013-2014. When I was the speaker, I emailed the treasurer explaining the issue. I invited myself to the meeting. They made it clear to me that dependents should not be funded. We had that discussion at the end of the 2015 school year. In a lot of ways, we have a voice. Yet, due to proportional voting (which students never voted on), we do not have the power to actually make changes. The only way for us is to procedurally prevent this from passing. If we don't, we will have a 5th year of this same debate. That's why we need to table.
- t. Sec.: Move to table by acclamation. Seconded. No opposition. The ayes have it.
- u. OFA Standing Rules are tabled.**

C. GSC Resolution 10: A Resolution to Request the University of Arkansas' Support in Establishing a Life Event and Medical Leave for Graduate Assistants: Representatives Lisnic and Jeter (15 minutes)

- a. Cabinet Recommendation: Pass as amended.**
- b. Lisnic: We have been working on this resolution for quite some time. We began from the premise that balancing work and family responsibilities can have positive outcomes. The University of Arkansas has set several policies in place (paid leave, sick leave, FMLA), but these policies do not apply to graduate students. When we think about parents with a sick child or graduate assistants with ill parents, that is an issue because there is no policy. The U of A also has a goal to retain and attract graduate students in order to become a top 50 public research university. That can be done, in part, by offering these family-friendly policies.
- c. Wesolowski: Looking at line 67, are you aware that the graduate school is in the process of implementing a place holders class.
 - i. Lisnic: Yes we are aware of that. But no we haven't talked with them about it.
- d. Marino: Explain line 64-66. There are certainly lots of other ways to fund such a program, so I was wondering why we included insurance that would be paid by students.

- i. Lisnic: This insurance could be shared, or it could be paid by the university. It's all about communicating with administrators.
- e. We now move to a period of debate.
- f. Marino: Move to amend: Remove lines 64 and 65 and renumber the list below. Seconded. No opposition. Amendment passes.
 - i. McMillian: Why are we opposed to seeing our health insurance policy include long-term disability?
 - ii. Marino: I love this bill. But since it is about starting a conversation. I have spoken with administration about this, and they want an insurance policy. From a negotiating standpoint, we have to start from a stronger position.
- g. Burbridge: In section 3, is that specifically medical or emergency leave?
 - i. Lisnic: That applies to any life event--personal illness, illness of a child, child birth, etc.
- h. We will now move to a period of voting.
- i. The Resolution passes: 100%-0%-0%**

D. ASG Joint Resolution 4: A Joint Resolution to Give Student Parents Priority Registration: Speaker Scout Johnson (15 minutes)

- a. Cabinet Recommendation: Pass**
- b. Speaker: Student parents who have children at home would be allowed priority registration to better schedule.
- c. Burbridge: Why are there such an unusual amount of sponsors?
 - i. Speaker: The authors reached out to get a lot of sponsors. We can add you as a sponsor. He is wanting to show broad support.
- d. Call the question. Seconded. No opposition.
- e. We will now move to a period of voting.
- f. The Joint Resolution passes: 17%-9%-4%**

IX. New Business

A. ASG Joint Bill 8: The Voter Information Act of 2016: Speaker Scout Johnson (15 minutes)

- a. Senate is looking for GSC sponsorship.
- b. Speaker: This is a senate bill, which needs to be amended to a joint bill. They are trying to increase voter turnout by targeting those who are not. If you find a large population that consistently does not vote, you can target them with outreach. Those demographic data will be anonymous.
- c. Marino: Who will have access?

- i. Speaker: It says ASG. It will be public.
- d. Sec: Are the authors aware of IRB approval? And do they know if Qualtrics will allow them to separate ballot choices from demographics?
- e. Kimbrough: I am also concerned with Mark's comment. Can we amend this?
- f. Sec: Why those variables chosen?
 - i. Speaker: I don't know.
- g. Wesolowski: Why isn't someone from Senate here?
 - i. Speaker: I don't know
- h. Marino: From my reading, it does not stipulate who generates these questions or would be responsible? Do the authors know who would do this?
 - i. Speaker: No.
- i. VS: What are our options?
 - i. Speaker: If we amend, it goes to a conference committee? What will happen if we pass or fail, it doesn't matter. If we amend, we go to conference committee.
- j. Wesolowski: And if we do nothing? Would it go until next year?
 - i. Speaker: Yes, we would have to take it up next year.
- k. Marino: Move to amend to remove lines 57-70. This might be a problem for information. Seconded. No opposition.
- l. Move to suspend the rules and move to second reading. Seconded. No opposition.
- m. Sec: The demographic questions should follow the voting, and other variables should be added.
- n. We will now move to a period of voting.
- o. The Joint Bill passes: 74%-17%-9%**

- B. ASG Joint Resolution 5: A Joint Resolution to Support an Early Voting Polling Station on Campus: Speaker Scout Johnson (15 minutes)
 - a. Senate is looking for GSC sponsorship.
 - b. Speaker: We have been working for a number of years. We say an early voting location because we would get more professional staff. Mizzou has 3 polling locations; Ohio St. has a polling location. The last time the election commissioners voted on this, there was only one other early voting location in Springdale. There would be 8. So we would not be inundated with voters. The Election Commission is in favor. This would be sent to faculty and staff.
 - c. Sec: We are not talking about election day, but only early voting?

- i. Speaker: Yes.
- d. Marino: Anyone registered in Arkansas could vote here?
 - i. Sims: No, only those in WA County.
- e. Move to suspend the rules to move to second reading. Seconded. No opposition.
- f. Sims: I had the understanding that the entire election commission was not on board--though that may have changed over the week. Currently, the Election Commission has a bipartisan makeup. Student involvement is important. There are concerns over how many students will vote. There are more early voting precincts and vote centers on election day. But the county has major concerns because they have a shortage of equipment. So that's why we only want early voting. There's already a space reserved in the Union. A precinct on campus is important. We should pass this to show the county that we want and need this.
 - i. Speaker: In addition, we are expecting record turnout in November this year. This will add another place for voting. So this may bump up student participation over the period of 2 weeks.
- g. Call the question. Seconded. No opposition.
- h. We will now move into a period of voting.
- i. The Joint Resolution passes: 85%-5%-10%**

X. Salute to Graduating Representatives

- a. Speaker: We recognize Representatives Nabors, Feraro, Kaiser, Thote, Spencer, and Newsome.
- b. Speaker: In addition, we have folks who will be graduating later this year or will not be returning. Please stand.
- c. Speaker: And I want to make special mention of one other member: Vice Speaker Madeleine Forrest. She talked earlier about things that went on 4 years ago--that's because she was fighting for this 4 years ago. She has been working for this longer than I have been on campus. I sincerely thank you for your service to our graduate students and to me personally.

XI. Adjourn (5 minutes)

XII. Call to Order

- a. Speaker: I would entertain a motion to allow outgoing members to participate. So moved. Seconded. No opposition.
- b. Nabors appointed as secretary for the meeting.
- c. Attendance; Quorum met with 17/18 members present.

XIII. Inauguration of GSC Members, 2016-2017: ASG Adviser Rainer Gall

- a. Congratulations to the new representatives!

XIV. Nominations and Elections

A. GSC Speaker

- a. Feraro: I nominate Ward. Ward does not accept the nomination.
- b. Ward: I nominate Johnson. Johnson accepts the nomination.
- c. Johnson yields the chair to Forrest.
- d. Feraro: I nominate Berlanga. Berlanga does not accept.
- e. Move to close nominations. Seconded. No opposition.
- f. Johnson: Thank you for the nomination. I want to say that I have learned a tremendous amount over the last year. I look forward to continuing this year's momentum into next year. One lesson is communication, so I have ideas about regular communication between Cabinet and the Body. Thank you for your confidence.
- g. Blanchard: Move to vote by acclamation. Seconded. No opposition.
- h. Johnson elected Speaker for 2016-2017.
- i. Forrest yields the chair to Speaker.

B. GSC Vice Speaker

- a. Speaker: It is likely we will not elect all elections. Unfilled positions will be filled in the fall after the All-ASG retreat. We move now to vice speaker.
- b. Whiting: I nominate Ward. Ward accepts.
- c. Move to close nominations. Seconded. No opposition.
- d. Ward: I passion really is outreach. That's what I want to do as vice speaker--to increase our visibility on campus with students and student groups, to have a full schedule when we begin. I like long walks on the beach, grad student funding, and justice.
- e. We now move to a period of debate.
- f. Sims: Move to vote by acclamation. Seconded. No opposition.
- g. Ward elected Vice Speaker for 2016-2017.

C. GSC Treasurer

- a. Speaker: Nominations are now open.
- b. Ward: I would like to nominate Philips. Philips accepts.
- c. Move to close nominations. Seconded. No opposition.
- d. Philips: Arley likes me and Scout tolerates me.
- e. Feraro: What is your degree?
 - i. Philips: History--but European history.
- f. We now move to a period of debate.

- g. Ward: Jason sought me out early on about becoming treasurer. I think it speaks volumes about his dedication that he is here during the middle of comps. I think he is very responsible--he has handled money before.
- h. Berlanga: Move to vote by acclamation. Seconded. No opposition.
- i. Philips elected Treasurer for 2016-2017.

D. GSC Secretary

- a. We are now accepting nominations for secretary.
- b. Lisnic: I nominate Jeter. Jeter accepts.
- c. Move to close nominations. Seconded. No opposition.
- d. Jeter: I have served as secretary before. This will also be my third year, so I have some institutional knowledge of the body.
- e. Lisnic: We need someone as secretary who attends all the meetings. Garrett attended all committee and general meetings, along with other meetings with administrators.
- f. Berlanga: Move to close debate and vote by acclamation. Seconded. No opposition.
- g. Jeter elected Secretary for 2016-2017.

E. External Relations and Marketing Chair

- a. Speaker: Formerly held by Newsome, creating graphics for events, keeping up with social media, and sending info to Dean Koski.
- b. We will now accept nominations.
- c. Ward: I nominate Guinn. Guinn accepts.
- d. Nominations are closed.
- e. Guinn: I have experience in creating posters and sending out tweets. I have experience in graphic design, and I'm really good at tweeting.
- f. We are now in a period of debate.
- g. Hawkins: Guinn is really good at creating eye-catching work.
- h. Ward: I think Jessica will be great--she is on social media all the time. With student lunches, often Jessica did that solo. She is good with deadlines and details.
- i. Debate is closed.
- j. Move to vote by acclamation. Seconded. No opposition.
- k. Guinn electing External Affairs and Marketing Chair for 2016-2017.

F. International Concerns Chair

- a. Park nominated.
- b. Move to close nominations. Seconded. No opposition.
- c. Park: I'm from Korea. Currently I'm working as a GA in this area and can bring a lot. I'm new, but I'm enjoying my first meeting so far.

- d. Lisnic: She's a GA in the international students and scholars office. So she knows about issues and strategies. I think that carries a lot of weight.
 - e. Move to vote by acclamation. Seconded. No opposition.
 - f. Park elected International Concerns Chair for 2016-2017.
- G. Social Chair
- a. Guinn nominates Hawkins. Hawkins accepts.
 - b. Nominations closed.
 - c. Hawkins: I have been a social chair before. I like doing this. One of my top 5 strengths is includer, because I think including everyone is important.
 - d. Guinn: Emily is on top of things. Her parties are great--over the top good and pintresty.
 - e. Move to vote by acclamation. Seconded. No opposition.
 - f. Hawkins elected Social Chair for 2016-2017.
- H. Legislative Affairs Director
- a. Burbridge nominates Sims. Sims accepts.
 - b. Nominations closed.
 - c. Sims: I appreciate the nomination. I am a student of Arkansas politics. I'm really passionate about elections and civil rights. I am excited about pushing issues that are important for us. I have a good relationship with our representatives.
 - d. Burbridge: I feel like Jesse was born for this position. He knows the most obscure Arkansas political facts.
 - e. Speaker: Unless you have 3-6 hours to nerd out with him, don't bring it up.
 - f. VS: If anyone is uniquely qualified, it is Mr. Sims and this position.
 - g. Move to vote by acclamation. Seconded. No opposition.
 - h. Sims elected Legislative Affairs Director for 2016-2017.
- I. Parliamentarian
- a. Berlanga nominates Burbridge. Burbridge accepts.
 - b. Nominations closed.
 - c. Burbridge: I'm on P&P Committee. Having a good set of standing rules and following procedure is important.
 - d. Guinn: Josh gets really hyped about parliamentary procedure. So he is perfect for this.
 - e. Sims: Josh was involved with student government at Central Florida. He's passionate, and he'll do a good job.
 - f. Berlanga: While I was on a research trip to Mexico, he took over as chair.
 - g. Move to vote by acclamation. Seconded. No opposition.
 - h. Burbridge elected Parliamentarian for 2016-2017.
- J. Graduate Student Life Committee Chair

- a. Blanchard nominates self.
- b. Nominations closed.
- c. Blanchard: I was looking at the different jobs, and this was the one I was most interested in. I'm a doer--I like to get things done. I've been part of a lot of ASG RSOs. One of the duties is to help the social chair--and I can definitely do that. Outside of social events, those issues are issues I'm passionate about.
- d. Guinn: What's your department? Civil Engineering.
- e. Move to vote by acclamation. Seconded. No opposition.
- f. Blanchard elected Graduate Student Life Committee Chair for 2016-2017.

K. Facilities Committee Chair

- a. No nominations. This position will be filled at the retreat.

XV. Public Comment (10 minutes)--Reserved for those who do not have speaking privileges on the floor

XVI. Announcements -Reserved for those who do have speaking privileges

- a. Networking Etiquette event - Tuesday, April 26 at 5:00 p.m. (Gearhart 102)
- b. ASG End of Year Party: Tuesday, 3 May, 7pm, Powerhouse
- c. ASG Inauguration: Dead Day in Union Theater, 11am
- d. GSC End of Year Picnic, 7 May Old Main Lawn

XVII. Adjourn at 9:00 PM.