

## February 23rd Executive Committee Report

### ❖ GSA To-Do List

#### ➤ Next Year:

- N-Formation Digest (making separate for grad and undergrad students): University Communications and Student Affairs are working to improve this system. They will soon form a focus group to discuss ideas (Laura L. is on the list).
- GPA Calculations for Grad Students on WAM: Need to factor in the transition to MyRed.
  - Grade reporting (from different campuses) also needs to be improved.
- NCard: Can we get them to add “graduate student” to newly issued cards?
  - A sticker is a possibility.
  - Benefits? Necessary?
- Student Fees: A task force should likely be established (which will consider what other Big XII universities are doing).
  - Establish ad hoc committee to take care of this – possibly have Emile and/or campus reps help with this?

#### ➤ This Year:

- Grad Student Fee Deferment: Extending from Assistants to Fellowship holders
- Key Card Access
- Indegree.com/Interfolio (professional websites interested in working with us): Should GSA get involved in professional networking sites (to help grad students find jobs)
  - Instead of outsourcing, perhaps Career Services could likely be better for graduates (some students are having trouble)
  - Ask for feedback from LA members at next meeting, maybe the Diversity Committee could help.
- Regional NAGPS/Big XII Conference: Emile would like to go.
  - We have \$300-400 left in this year’s NAGPS budget.
  - Committee voted to allot Emile the rest of this NAGPS budget to go.
- Alumni Association: Possible funding source for campus-level travel funds
  - We’re the only Big XII institution without campus-level travel funds for grad students.
  - We have to go to off campus groups.
  - Shannon will go talk to the Alumni Association director.
- Annual Newsletter from GSA to all grad students: ASUN President is allowed two emails per year to the student body.
  - Send out at beginning of school year (listing accomplishments, future events, etc.)
  - Ask Dr. Franco for permission/office of grad studies, etc. for advice and
- Department Reps in GSA
  - Getting more, retaining the departments we have, and setting up for next year
  - Michelle said we should talk to CYFS, Engineering, Chemistry, and Physics dept to get them involved
- Family & Medical Leave Resolution: Sending it to Ryan (ASUN graduate senator) to get ASUN backing

### ❖ March LA Meeting Agenda

- Election for VC of External Affairs (Sylvia Jons and Tareq Tawaiha)
- GSAW
- Dr. Gary Hein on the new Plant Science Program