



## ASG House of Graduate Representatives

### Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2012

- I. Call to Order (1:00 pm)
- II. Roll Call
- III. Reps Present: Bill Barry, Maria Beane, Megan Holmes, James Kilbride, Michael McCullar  
Brent McElfresh, Gail Nelson, Cesar Rivera, Joni Schneider, Melissa Vazquez, Elyse Zavar  
Reps Absent but excused: Jake Hammons, Geleana Alston  
Reps Absent: Erika Ruymgaart
- IV. Approval of Minutes  
Representative Schneider motioned to temporarily suspend the rules to consider the minutes read and Representative McElfresh seconded. The motion was passed. Representative Schneider motioned to approve the minutes and Representative Rivera seconded and the motion passed.
- V. Orders of the Day  
Representative Barry motioned to approve the agenda and Representative Kilbride seconded. The orders of the day were approved.
- VI. Guest Speakers  
There were no guest speakers for that meeting.
- VII. Public Forum
- VIII. Reports (1:02 pm)
  - a. House Leader's Report  
House Leader Nelson reported that on Oct 30, she met with the library staff. In her meeting, she learned that in July 2004 the reserved rooms became available to all graduate students and honor undergraduate students. The library has conducted an informal survey for graduate students to give feedback about how the rooms are being

utilized. House Leader Nelson and House Parliamentarian Alston will get more info in their next meeting with the library staff and the staff is aware of senate legislation about the reserved rooms.

House Leader Nelson also reported that she met [with](#) President McDaniel on November 1, and talked about Rising Star Grant. The Legislative Committee will be addressed about Pell Grants and funding for new PhD programs.

House Leader Nelson continued with sharing that she, Representative Rivera and Representative Barry helped moderate presentations at the International Research Conference and shared a summary of the presentations they moderated.

b. Secretary's Report (1:13 pm)

House Secretary Schneider reported that she is working still on TRACS and needs to update documents with more [of](#) the current Senate documents since amendments were made in the Senate meetings.

c. Parliamentarian's Report (1:16 pm)

House Leader Nelson reported on House Parliamentarian Alston's behalf. The report stated that she attended the Ethan Zuckerman talk with House Secretary Schneider. Secretary Schneider shared the experience on her behalf. The report concluded [with](#) the mentioning of Representative Alston's appointment to the ASG Review and [Steering](#) Committee with Representatives Nelson and Schneider.

d. Committee Reports (Technology, Veterans, Smoking)

i. Technology (1:22 pm)

Representative Bean met with Special Assistant Cody De Salvo about not having access to the ASG website but once she has access there should be no issues with updating the information. Representative Rivera [a](#) suggested keeping House social media separate from the Senate social media. He then motioned for [a](#) new grad twitter account. Representative Barry seconded the motion and none opposed. Representative Barry motioned to start a transition document for the social media accounts and Representative Rivera second. The motion passed.

ii. Veterans' Affairs (1:33 pm)

Representative Rivera stated there were no updates for Veterans' Affairs.

iii. Smoking (1:34 pm)

Representative Barry shared that Dr. Brown met with the deans and [the deans](#) opposed inclusion of the smoking policy on course syllabi. He is working on getting on the Faculty Senate Agenda to address the lack of student body awareness. It was then proposed to sponsor a non-smoking rally for the next semester to raise awareness. It was suggested to ask for funding and educational materials from cancer societies. Representative Holmes volunteered to make contact with those organizations.

- e. Advisor's Report  
There was none.

IX. Unfinished Business

- a. Emails to Graduate Students from Individual Colleges (1:54pm)  
Representative McElfresh informed the House that the College of Health Profession sent out their email and shared how the process went.

House Secretary Schneider shared an email that Representative Ruymgaart sent her about Representative Ruymgaart's refusal to have her name included on the letter sent from her respective college. Representative Barry motioned to deny Representative Ruymgaart's request and Representative Vazquez seconded. The motion to deny Representative Ruymgaart's request for abstaining from sending the email passed with resounding affirmation.

Due to time, Representative Vazquez motioned to table the remainder of the agenda for the next meeting. Representative Rivera seconded the motion and the motion passed.

X. Adjournment (2:05 pm)

Representative Barry and Representative Beane seconded. The motion was unopposed.