UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (GSAC)

STEERING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1:00 p.m.

MIT 245 Conference Room

Meeting Date: Wednesday 19th, 2012

Meeting Facilitator: ALL

Present: 3

GSAC representatives: Marcia Silva, Abby Forster, Kristin Prins, Amber Tucker

I. CALL TO ORDER – 1:05pm

II. ATTENDANCE – listed above

III. OLD BUSINESS

b. Election process meeting w/Connie Jo recap
   • reviewed meeting minutes

c. GSAC & SA (updates)
   • they are changing their structure
   • they hope to vote on new structure in March
   • two options for GSAC
     • we could operate separately and send representatives into graduate positions on SA
     • we could be part of the SA structure – a second branch of it
       a. but maintain our own structure and operate independently
       b. seems ideal because
         i. we wouldn’t have to go through becoming a student organization
         ii. no competition with SA
         iii. voting rights in GFC
       c. no response from SA representative

d. next step is meeting with Vice Chancellor From Student Affairs to collect information about best option for GSAC

e. becoming a member of SA or will be a project of GSAC Special Committee
   i. we will recommend that there be a way to rewrite/amend by-laws if GSAC decides to be a branch of SA
IV. Next Steps for Voting for Positions for GSAC

a. about who should be solicited for nominations
   1. we have assumed only General Assembly could be nominated for positions
   2. maybe we should open nominations and voting to everyone in whole student body
      a. transparency to whole student body
      b. can we say we’re representing everyone if we’re not an official organization?
      c. Amber will ask Michael Liston (our faculty advisor) Connie Jo – about their advice on how to handle this – AMBER
      d. bring their advice to the general assembly for their input via email doodle poll, yes/no majority vote
         • the poll scheduled to go out Monday, January 7th
         • poll will close Wednesday, January 23rd
         • Kristi will set up link with poll
         • Amber will draft email

b. vote for GSAC positions
   • email to solicit nominations via email scheduled for Monday, January 28th
   • Nominations due by Monday, February 11th
   • vote for positions scheduled for Friday, February 15th
      • Friday, March 1st voting ends
      • General Assembly meeting soon after
         a. time/date should will be determined by doodle poll of GSAC general assembly
         b. at meeting
            i. discuss where we are at
            ii. committees have their first meetings with first assignments

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. Complaints and conflict resolution
   • we will post all minutes on the website
   • ask everyone to send questions, ideas, or concerns to steering committee
     • include in every email to GA so that it is clear we are interested in communicating
   • one of us should respond to concerns when they come up
     • steering committee should communicate to each other about who will respond, run it by each other.
        a. with a timeline in case not all respond

b. Next Steps: for communication
   i. all minutes will be posted on GSAC website
1. Abby will communicate with Peter to get all Steering Committee minutes up, and to fix website – October minutes no longer appearing

c. Next Steps for communication:
   • Steering committee communication with large body
   • Email
     a. a general email will go out to all GA
        i. this will go out as soon as website is fixed
        ii. Amber will draft
     b. all meeting minutes will be posted on GSAC website
        i. Peter - the minutes disappeared from website? what happened? Abby will find out and get everything posted again- ABBY
          1. Kristi will finalize minutes from meeting with SA
   • F2F meeting
     a. will occur after voting for GSAC positions is done
        i. as described above, it will involve committees meeting for the first time too
   • steering committee meeting frequency
     • tentatively monthly meetings for Fourth Friday of every Month 25th 1:00pm
       a. get input from others

V. Adjournment – 2:00pm