

**Graduate Student Association—Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 25, 2004**  
**7:00 P.M., JTSU 244**

**1. Roll call and introduction:**

Name	Seat	Present	Absent	Proxy
Jessie Muehlberg (President)	—	x		
Larry Buhr (Secretary)	—	x		
Susan Henthorne (Advisor)	—	x		
Pamela Amos	CABNR		>	Shana Rheault
Richard Wood	COBA 1	x		
Yiwen Zhang	COBA 2		x	
OPEN	COBA 3			
Molly Orheim	COE 1	x		
Thomas Boyer	COE 2	x		
Jenny Voshell	COE 3	x		
Gina Flores-O’Toole	COE 4	x		
OPEN	COE 5			
Ajaya Sunkara	COEN 1	x		
Fei Ding	COEN 2	x		
Kai Xu	COEN 3	x		
Rebecca Bevans	CLA 1	x		
Yan Yang	CLA 2	x		
Seth Boyd	CLA 3	x		
Ed Johnson	CLA 4	x		
OPEN	CLA 5			
Moses Dogbevia	COS 1	x		
Lupita Paredes	COS 2	x		
Cheryl Goudy	COS 3	x		
Matt Wolden	HCS/Med 1	x		
OPEN	HCS/Med 2			
OPEN	HCS/Med 3			

**Guests in attendance:** Anna Krave, James Flaks, Andrea Wicker, Shana Rheault, Dolina Davis.  
*The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM*

**2. Public Comments:** no comments were recorded.

**3. Election of Open Council Seats:**

James Flaks stood for election to GSA Council CLA Seat 5.

**Motion:** to elect James Flaks to GSA Council CLA Seat 5.

Made by: Jenny

Seconded by: Richard

Votes for: 17 Against: 0

Abstain: 0 *Motion Passes*

Anna Krave stood for election to GSA Council HCS/Med Seat 2.

**Motion:** to elect Anna Krave to GSA Council HCS/Med Seat 2.

Made by: Matt

Seconded by: Lupita

Votes for: 18 Against: 0

Abstain: 0 *Motion Passes*

Andrea Wicker stood for election to GSA Council HCS/Med Seat 3.

**Motion:** to elect Andrea Wicker to GSA Council HCS/Med Seat 3.

Made by: Ed

Seconded by: Matt

Votes for: 19 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 *Motion Passes*

**4. Approval of May 5<sup>th</sup> GSA 2004-2005 Council Minutes:**

**Motion:** to approve the May 5<sup>th</sup> GSA 2004-2005 Council minutes, as written.

Made by: Jenny Seconded by: Gina

Votes for: 19 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 *Motion Passes*

**5. Funding Request: Safe Zone Training:** this motion was withdrawn.

**6. Approval of the 2004-2005 GSA Budget:**

Susan presented the budget. She noted that revenue was substantially underestimated, as this is a beginning-of-year budget. Substantial discussion followed on the merits of supporting the UNR Performing Arts Series via this budget. A motion to amend the motion of approval, so as to remove the line item concerning the support of the Performing Arts Series, was presented by Matt Wolden, but failed when a seconder was not forthcoming.

**Motion:** to approve the 2004-2005 GSA Budget as presented.

Made by: Matt

Seconded by: Richard

Votes for: 19 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 *Motion Passes*

**7. Approval of the Interim Finance Committee Bylaws:**

**Motion:** to approve GSA Interim Finance Committee Bylaws, as written.

Made by: Gina

Seconded by: Ajaya

**Friendly Amendment to the Motion:** to add “, or designee,” after “The Director of Student Services...” in Bylaw #1, and replace “including,” with “include” in Bylaw #2.

Made by Richard

Seconded by: Ajaya

**Motion with Friendly Amendment:**

Votes for: 19 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 *Motion Passes*

**8. Summer Agenda/Projects Discussion:** this agenda item was withdrawn.

**9. Executive Board Reports:**

☆President: Jessie had several items to report:

- ☞ the New Student Union/NSU plans are available for viewing
- ☞ the NAGPS Regional Conference planning ad hoc committee will soon need to be formed
- ☞ Jessie is working on a new Grad Student Survey, to help obtain new data and particularly focus on new issues not previously addressed

☆Internal Vice-President: Molly had several items to report:

- ☞ all GSA Committees should meet by September 15: please post agendas
- ☞ the Club Recognition form will be placed online
- ☞ regarding the Council Constituent Contact Plan (**CCCCP**), please try to have a meeting by next week

☆External Vice-President: Rebecca has several items to report:

- ☞ NAGPS lobby days, this last summer: in June, Jessie and Rebecca were active to lobby in Washington for grad student issues
- ☞ this lobbying included House Bill #3412, to make grad assistantships once again tax-free by writing off housing expenses
- ☞ other issues tackled included international student visa issues, especially in regard to some countries targeted by anti-terrorism efforts of the Federal Government

☆Advisor: Susan had several items to report:

- ☞ she spent most of the summer in China, in a visiting professorship position to which she will periodically return
- ☞ along with Jessie and Larry, she participated in the New International Student Orientation, and will attend the OISS ‘Plunge’ for new international students as well.
- ☞ she continues to advocate for an International Graduate Student Club, particularly to involve trailing spouses and children of international students who have their family living with them, during the course of their studies here.

☆ Secretary's Report: Larry discussed the purchase of a second GSA truck this summer, to replace the original GSA truck which was destroyed in an accident in the late spring. He also mentioned the need to have photographs of the council members taken soon.

**10. Committee Reports:**

- ☆ GSA Communications and Elections (ComECom): Richard said this committee will meet tomorrow in the JTSU Senate Chambers at 10:00 AM.
- ☆ GSA Travel: Ajaya announced that this committee will meet immediately after the council meeting.
- ☆ GSA Household Items: Moses stressed the importance of teamwork in running this committee.

**11. New Business:**

- ☆ Kristin Stark, from the UNR SEEDS group, will be presenting a Sustainability Resolution at the next GSA Council Meeting
- ☆ Jessie said another resolution will be presented at the next GSA Council Meeting, regarding the Regent's Scholar's Award for Grad Students

**12. Council Comments:** Molly added that meetings are planned for representatives of First Mortgage and grad students, in the interest of assisting grad students in purchasing their own homes. These meetings will be on September 14 at 7:00 PM, and September 15 at noon, in JTSU 246. The First Mortgage representatives could also be invited to attend the upcoming Pub N' Sub event.

A motion for adjournment was put forward by Rebecca, seconded by Gina, and voted upon with unanimous approval. The meeting was thereby adjourned at 8:15 P.M.