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Graduate Student Council Minutes 01 August 2007

- 1 **Present:** P. High, K. Jones, Y. Lee, B. Morrison, R. Vonck, J. Wu
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3 **Absent:** M. Colacicco, N. Flint, J. Henriques, R. Osborn, C. Seibert, B. Swierczewski
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5 **Meeting Commences:** 1205
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7 Minutes from May 2007 meeting were unanimously approved.
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9 Agenda for August 2007 meeting was approved.
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11 **I. President's Reports**
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13 A. GEC Meetings in June and July dealt with students issues
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15 **II. Old Business**
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17 A. Graduate Student Health Insurance:
18 a. A plan has been approved for Graduate Students
19 b. Coverage is definitely for students receiving the stipend, and is unsure if students
20 will be covered if being paid through advisor's grant.
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22 B. Cinda Helke Award ó Received to Dr. Metcalf
23 a. Plaque came from Graduate Education office
24 b. Engraving of both plaques is done downstairs in the Printing Office
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26 C. Student Taxes
27 a. It is problematic to take taxes out of the stipend ó Student still needs to pay
28 independent of the university.
29 b. The GEO will host a tax seminar by an accountant. This seminar will be hosted
30 once in the Fall and again in the Spring. The GEO requests that we survey the
31 students to answer two questions:
32 i. When should the seminar be held?
33 1. In future we would like to see this seminar made a part of
34 orientation in the Fall.
35 2. For the Fall seminar of 2007, the GSC would recommend a
36 Thursday afternoon, not in the second or forth weeks after classes
37 start.

falls that the Spring seminar should be held in Feb, in the
before the wine and cheese of Open House.

ii. Any questions that the students would like to see addressed at the
seminars.

1. What forms do students need to fill out, especially if they have to
file in two states?
2. How the stipend is interpreted? (the issue of self-employment)
3. What are students allowed to claim? (housing, food, gas, education
deduction, etc)
4. Advice for international students.
5. Advice about being audited.
6. An overview of estimated taxes.

III. New Business

A. New Student Orientation and Picnic

a. Picnic

i. August 15, 2007 is the picnic. Departments will be asked to bring the
same items as last year, as follows:

1. NES ó Drinks
2. EID ó Sides
3. MPS ó Salads
4. MCB/PATH/PMB ó desserts
5. Please ask student that have coolers if they would be willing to
bring them.

ii. Supplies

1. Tables and chairs are ordered through Building Services óJanet
has already ordered them.
2. GEO pays for main course ó decided to keep the same menu as
last year

a. 4 Ringleaders

- i. 1 ó American
- ii. 1 ó Roast Beef
- iii. 1 ó Turkey
- iv. 1 - Ham

b. 64 pieces Buffalo Wings (actually received fried
chicken)

c. Vegetable platter

d. 3 Roll-up Platters

- i. 2 ó Veggies
- ii. 1 - Turkey

e. Finger Sandwich Platter (Regular)

3. P. High will order the menu from Shoppers Warehouse. K.
Jones and P. High will pick up the supplies. The cafeteria has
generously allowed us to use their ice.

will introduce new counsel reps at around 9:30 a.m. on

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- 86 B. Formal student grievance process ó do not have a quorum, so cannot vote on
- 87 recommendation. Moved to September's meeting, when quorum present.
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- 89 C. Amendment (Text below) - do not have a quorum, so cannot be voted on. Moved to
- 90 September's meeting, when quorum present.
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92 **Amendment V – GSC Colloquium**

93 The GSC President will serve as the Master of Ceremonies (MC) for the annual

94 Graduate Student Colloquium. Should the President be unable to serve as MC, the

95 President will appoint a member of the GSC to serve in this function.

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97 D. Monthly secretary will be as follows:

- 98 a. September ó PATH
- 99 b. October ó NES
- 100 c. November ó MCB
- 101 d. December ó EID
- 102 e. January ó PMB
- 103 f. February ó MPS
- 104 g. March ó PATH
- 105 h. April ó NES
- 106 i. May ó MCB
- 107 j. June ó EID
- 108 k. July ó PMB
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110 Meeting Schedule ó K. Jones will email representatives.

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112 **Meeting adjourned 1245.**