

University of Tennessee Knoxville  
Graduate Student Senate  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 3, 2009**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

**Attendees:**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday February 26, 2009 at 7 p.m. in Room 227

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Dean Hodges and Dr. DeSensi from the Graduate School - CANCELLED for tonight.

**Minutes approved at 7:04pm**

**President's report: (Julie Lynch)**

**Travel Awards**

- Students will be notified within the next week and a half as to whether or not they have received travel funds
- GSS will evaluate the new process implemented for the Spring application process and will make the necessary changes for the Summer application process
- We have recently found out that there are a good number of students not turning in the reimbursement paperwork after their trips, so GSS will send a survey to these students to gather more information as to why they are not using the funds.
- The summer travel fund application will be available online later this semester and all students will be notified when the application is online via email. The summer travel dates are April 15- August 31, 2009.

**Fun Run Committee**

- The date has been set for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual "Love Your Libraries" Fun Run, it will be on Saturday February 21, 2009
- The race begins at 8:30 a.m.
- There is a 5k run as well as a 1 mile fun walk
- We are looking to increase the number of runners and volunteers for the race. Please think about volunteering or participating that day and please pass this information out to your programs and departments.
- The race form is available on the GSS website. There is a link to a press release about the event.

**Academic Policy Committee Update**

- Academic Policy Committee has asked for information from graduate students pertaining to the publishing of dissertations.
- Dissertations would be available through the University of Tennessee Library and through the National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations if the Graduate School decides to drop the requirement for dissertations to be submitted for digital distribution.

**Vice President's report: (Drew Justice)**

- Nothing to Report

**Old business:**

- Chancellor's Heating and Cooling announcement discussion was postponed until next meeting

**New Business:**

- Bill 02-09 Amendment to the SGA Constitution, Taryn Hendershot, College Student Personnel Representative
  - Drew summarized the Bill 02-09 Amendment
- Bill 03-09 Student Service Amendment to the SGA Constitution, Taryn Hendershot, CSP Representative
- Classroom Upgrade Committee report, Paige Phillips
  - Allocating student activities fees to upgrade classrooms (painting, new furniture, technology, etc)
  - Any feedback to Paige to [paige@utk.edu](mailto:paige@utk.edu) by Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> by noon
- Academic Policy Committee Update
  - Asking for feedback regarding publishing of dissertations-mixed feedback.
  - Details in President's Report
- Social Event Update
- Research Survey for Research Council-please complete the survey
- GSS Fun-Run Commercial Tomorrow (Wednesday, February 4 at 9am) in front of Hodges Library by the seal and pedestrian walk-way.

**Motion to adjourn** at 7:41 pm