

University of Tennessee Knoxville  
Graduate Student Senate  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 15, 2009**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order 7:01 PM

**Attendees:** (M. Armento, M. Carlini, T. Cooper, A. Danovi, A. Dautartua, A. Devito, T. Flick, C. Glennon, J. Hansen, T. Hendershot, L. Li, A. Mello, A. Milojevich, L. Neely, B. Robinson, C. Spellings, A. Svonavec)

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday February 3, 2009 at 7 p.m. in Room 227

**Minutes approved at 7:04pm**

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

**Travel Awards**

- The travel fund application deadline is tomorrow, Friday, January 16, 2009 by 5:00 PM to the Dean of Students Office.
- Anyone has completed the new application, please feel free to provide any feedback to the group.
- Students will be notified within four weeks of their travel award status

**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.

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

Expressed concerns about email about Chancellor's plan relating to heat to save money.  
Sponsoring a bill in SGA which will reflect this concern.  
Received feedback from GSS Representatives.

**Old business:**

Discussion brought up about Athletics and funding  
Email from Chancellor, GSS President and SGA President-should be given the opportunity to discuss the issue prior to providing our support  
Representatives asked who to contact with issues concerning heating/cooling.  
Special problems or hardships with this policy should be discussed with the Executive Director of the Facilities Services (208 Facilities Services Building, 974-2178).  
Discussion about Heating and Cooling tabled until next meeting  
Research Council (A. Mello) will send an email survey. Please encourage your programs and departments to fill out survey. How satisfied you are with your research experience?

**New Business:**

Social Event-Etiquette Dinner with Career Services  
Happy Hour Grad Student Social (Sunspot, Downtown Grill and Brewery, Old City, Barley's, Goose & Crown)  
Additional Social Events Suggestions to [gss@utk.edu](mailto:gss@utk.edu)  
Bill 16-09 Amendment to the SGA Constitution, Taryn Hendershot, College Student Personnel Representative  
English Department-the number of part-time lecturers will be reduced. Class sizes may increase. Class sections may decrease.  
Graduate Student Stipends may be cut depending on department/program.

**Motion to adjourn** at 7:57 pm