

**GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE**  
MARCH 24, 2009  
7:00 PM – ROOM 227 UNIVERSITY CENTER

- **CALL TO ORDER (7:00pm)**
- **ROLL** (Carlini, M., Cooper, T., Danovi, A., Dautartua, A., Flick, T., Johnson, M., Justice, D., Ledgerwood, L., Lewis, D., Lynch, J., Mello, A., Miller, J., Milojevich, A., Neely, L., Spelling, C., Sprecher, K., Sutton, S., Svonavec, A.)
- **GUEST SPEAKER: Dean Hodges, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School**
  - New location at 111 Student Services
  - Budget Cuts-GA assistantships cut at unoccupied positions
  - Ask your Director of your programs about your GA support for the coming year
  - Task Force on Assistantships completed a report and will be passed along.
  - Will be putting together a group to help manage GA assistantship, so that we know where they are and how they help the grad student
  - Working with Vice Chancellor Rogers about Graduate Student Travel Funds, working to make it a permanent line item in budget.
  - Working on housing resource (website) for current and in-coming students since Sutherland Village will be closing.
  - National Association for Graduate and Professional Students-great resource for GSS.
  - GA Health Insurance Question raised and will be brought up in next staff meeting.
- **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2009 MEETING OF THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE (approved 7:20pm)**
- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
  - Travel Awards**
    - The summer travel fund application will be available soon, hopefully this week and all students will be notified when the application is online via email. The summer travel dates are April 15- August 31, 2009.
    - A survey was sent out this week to students who were awarded travel funds in the fall, but never filed the paperwork to collect the award. We are hoping to gain a better insight into the process of claiming the awards.
  - Closing of Sutherland Village**
    - Working on housing resource (website) for current and in-coming students since Sutherland Village will close on May 31, 2010.
  - Dropping Program of Services Fee**
    - Looking at changing from 9 credit hours to 6 credit hours
    - Certain departments require 9 credit hours
    - If you only take 6 credit hours and don't pay the program of services fee, you will be charged extra for health services, TRECS and athletic events.
    - Suggestion of adding a note when registering for less than full time hours about extra fee.
- **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Parking Fee will increase
- Parking Garages near library are being closed earlier in the evening than usual.
  
- **SOCIALCHAIR'S REPORT**
  - Social after next meeting, decision will be made at next meeting.
  
- **OLD BUSINESS**
  
- **NEW BUSINESS**
  - Allyn Milojevich and Jim Boyle conducted a survey about health insurance in SEC and ACC schools. Shared results
  
- **ADJOURN**

**Next GSS Meeting – Thursday April 16, 2009 – 7:00 pm**  
**Location: Room 227 University Center**