

University of Tennessee Knoxville
Graduate Student Senate
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 23, 2008

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

Attendees: (M. Armento, M. Carlini, T. Cooper, A. Danovi, A. Devito, T. Flick, C. Glennon, J. Hansen, T. Haskins, T. Hendershot, D. Lewis, S. May, A. Mello, A. Milojevich, L. Neely, R. Reynolds, C. Spellings, K. Sprecher, A. Svonavec)

Next Meeting: November 13, 2008

Minutes approved at 7:03pm

President's report: (Julie Lynch)

Travel Awards

- The Travel Awards committee will meet on Monday October 27 at 6 p.m. in the University Center Room 315D
- This committee will be looking at the travel fund application process, especially the criteria used to evaluate the applications, which may or may not be appropriate for different fields of study
- The results of this committee's findings will be reflected in the Spring Travel Fund application, which will be available at the end of November
- Funding patterns from previous semesters will be looked in order to be able to understand which students are actually applying for the money upon returning from the conference as well as the amounts those students are receiving
- Anyone interested in serving on this committee who hasn't already signed up can see me after the meeting.

Fun Run Committee

- The date has been set for the 17th Annual Love Your Libraries Fun Run, it will be on Saturday February 21, 2009
- The race begins at 8:30
- There is a 5k run as well as a 1 mile fun walk
- The Fun Run committee will meet on Monday October 27 at 5 p.m. in the University Center Room 315D
- This committee will be divided into smaller committees to work on recruiting volunteers and soliciting donations and prizes
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Vice President's report: (Drew Justice)

The wireless internet is working in the Law Building. Wireless issue seems to have been resolved. Asked for feedback, none was provided.

Old business:

When is the email going to be sent about Health Insurance from Jim Boyle?

New Business:

Bill 01-09 Amendment to the SGA Constitution presented by Taryn Hendershot, College Student Personnel Representative. Bill passed, 18 to 0 with no abstentions. Bill 01-09 will be presented again

at the next meeting because it must be passed through SGA and GSS for two consecutive meetings.

Is SGA or GSS taking a position about the recent budget cuts?

Can we have a representative from the graduate student housing to help meet the needs of those students?

Each college has one voting member. More people are welcome to come, but only one person per department/program can vote.

Social Events (Laura Ledgerwood): First Fridays-Dec. 5th

Graduate Student Senate Social:

Party in the Park

Location: Circle Park (in front of Student Services Building, behind the torchbearer)

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm, Football kickoff- 1:00pm against Wyoming

Date: Saturday, November 8th

Enjoy the entertainment for free! ONLY pay if you want to eat!!

The band "The Mood" will be featured, Olympians signing autographs, magician, face painters, and other games for kids.

Breakfast- pancakes, eggs, turkey sausage, biscuits, apples, and so on!

Adults: \$12

Children: \$8

University Events:

November

- ◆ 1st: UTCVM 5 K Fun Run / 1 Mile Dog Jog and Costume Contest
University of TN Ag Campus, the back lot at UTCVM
- ◆ 7th: Homecoming Parade
4:00pm E. Volunteer Blvd. & Peyton Manning Pass
- ◆ 26th: A Christmas Carol
Clarence Brown Theatre

December

- ◆ 5th: Astronomy Telescope Observation
9:00pm Nielsen Physics Building

Knoxville Area Events:

November

- ◆ 14th-16th: Knoxville Flea Market
Knoxville Expo Center
- ◆ 21st- Larry the Cable Guy
Knoxville Coliseum
- ◆ 26th-30th- Fantasy of Trees
Knoxville Convention Center

December

- ◆ 5th- First Friday – shops open late with complimentary food and entertainment
Gay Street & Market Square
- ◆ 19th- Taking Back Sunday with Envy on the Coast Concert
The Valarium, 1213 Western Ave, Knoxville, TN 37921

Question about lack of heat and when the university will be changing over to heat.

Heating (changeover from air conditioning)

Facilities Services Department personnel change over building systems from air conditioning to heating each Fall. Because of the equipment installed throughout the campus, buildings must be changed over separately. The Facilities Services performs the changeover on the basis of priorities established 1) to maintain required temperatures to protect equipment and research in progress, and 2) to serve the greatest number of individuals and activities. *Heating changeover may not begin until the outside low temperature has dropped below at least 50 degrees F. for a minimum of three consecutive days.* Consideration is also given to temperature projections. The wide swings in temperature during the Fall of the year have made this policy necessary. Special problems or hardships with this policy should be discussed with the Executive Director of the Facilities Services (208 Facilities Services Building, 974-2178).

Heat conversion date last 10 years

2007 – November 6

2006 – October 16 (Turned warm a week later)

2005 – October 25 (Week after conversion, highs in the 70's)

2004 – November 4

2003 – October 23 (Highs in the 70's up into November)

2002 – October 31

2001 – October 22 (Complaints for cooling came as late as November 5; highs were in 60's)

2000 – October 6

1999 - October 25 (highs in 70's following week, lots of complaints)

1998 – November 4

Motion to adjourn at 7:27pm