

Graduate Student Association (GSA)

November 10, 2011

- Attendance: 31
- Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm
- Announcements
 - James Orr from the Honor code council office is our speaker for today, however he is traveling from out of town and will be a few minutes late
- President Aaron Rollins introduces the Dean of the Office of the Graduate School, Dr. D'Abramo
 - Students discussed having issues with parking
- Dr. D'Abramo submitted a proposal and is waiting on updates
- Dr. D'Abramo also discussed a new Proposal Policy for Graduate Council
 - At the present time students can be given an XF for a grade as a sanction
 - The proposal would be for immediate dismissal of any graduate student who is found guilty of ethical conduct violations
 - Students voice concerns about gray areas within the current policy and how the new policy should include recommendations and considerations for gray areas such as self-plagiarism
- Aaron discusses his meeting with Coach Stansbury and what agreement was formed for basketball games and student organizations
 - There was an agreement made that there would be no tickets given to student organizations
 - The compromise that was made is that students will have their ID swiped at each game and this will help each individual student accumulate points. The points can be traded in for free prizes
- James Orr- Honor Code Council Office (HCO)
 - HCO is responsible for enforcing academic integrity
 - Violations are committed by graduate students and undergraduate students
 - We need to have sanctions in order to uphold the name of MSU
 - We are the only institution in the state of Mississippi with an honor code violation
 - Cheating accounts for 38% of honor code violations/ academic dishonesty
 - Fabrication 1%
 - Falsification 1%
 - Multiple submission 1%
 - Plagiarism 55%
 - James advises that even if you are not aware that you are plagiarizing it is still considered plagiarism
 - When it comes to reporting and adjudication, everyone can report violations of honor code
 - The current committee consists of 6 members
 - 3 Voting graduate faculty
 - 2 Voting graduate students
 - 1 Non-voting chair
 - Sanction Guidelines
 - Dismissal from the university
 - Lower course grade
 - Zero on an assignment
 - Academic integrity intervention program
 - XF- failure/ academic dishonesty on transcript
 - Honor Code Council Contact Information
 - Honorcode.msstate.edu
 - Email studenthonorcode@saffairs.msstate.edu
 - 662-325-9151
- Aaron discusses possible suggested dates for GSA meetings for next year
 - January 30, 2012
 - February 28, 2012
 - March 28, 2012
- We may possibly have an etiquette dinner in February
- Reminders
 - GSA Symposium April 14, 2012
 - GSA Banquet April 24, 2012
- Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm