



**Gamma Sigma Delta
Fall Business Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2006**

Twenty-six Gamma Sigma Delta members of the Tennessee Chapter helped themselves to sandwiches, sides and drinks for lunch during the Spring Business Meeting on October 19, 2006.

The meeting was called to order by Ernie Brazen, President-Elect, sitting in for President Mike Smith.

The minutes of the 2006 Winter Business meeting (February 21, 2006) were reviewed and approved.

The Treasurer's report was distributed and reviewed by Willie Hart.

1. The chapter is doing well financially, however it was requested that departments ask members to pay dues annually.
2. Active members were asked to encouraged other faculty, staff and students to participated in GSD activities.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – no report

Audit Committee – no report

Greetings Committee – no report

Constitution Review Committee – no report

Awards Committee – The awards information has been sent out and the committee planed to review submitted packets October 20, 2007.

Publicity Committee – Preparing for the upcoming Fall Awards Banquet.

Project Committee – no report

Nominating Committee – no report

Banquet and Luncheon Committee – no report

Finance Committee

1. Willie Hart, Committee Chair, asked for individuals to serve on the committee.
2. Requested that members consider projects or activities to spend money on.

Membership Committee – no report

Fall Banquet:

1. The Fall Banquet is set for November 9, 2007 at 6:00 pm in Hollingsworth Auditorium. Dr. Joseph DiPietro will be the evening's guest speaker.
2. Mike Buschermohle contacted The Entertainers to once again serve as caterers for the event. Banquet tickets will be \$18 for members and \$12 for initiates and student members.

International Activities:

1. John Riley, International Secretary, shared that the International Chapter is looking to cut funds without increasing membership dues. Cost of chapter supplies, such as past president's plaque, will increase in price.
2. International Chapter by-laws were modified to remove the three year employment requirement for membership eligibility for faculty and staff as well as striking the alumni eligibility requirement. Dr. Riley suggested that our chapter should consider changing our by-laws to reflect the changes made by the International chapter.

3. GSD Foundation, after two years of work, awarded the first scholarship to a Penn State student. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the GSD Foundation may do so.
4. For the first time in International Chapter history the President-Elect is a non-faculty member.
5. International GSD recognized the 53rd chapter this fall and is looking to expand into other states without chapters.
6. The University of Kentucky will host the International Conclave meeting in two years.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Due to Clark Brekke's retirement, the chapter secretary's office was left vacant. Emily L. Tipton was asked to serve as the interim secretary. A motion to accept Emily L. Tipton as the interim secretary was made, a second was received and the motion carried.

New members: Six faculty and staff completed the initial nomination procedure. The floor was opened to for additional nominations. Faculty, staff and student nominee listings were distributed and reviewed. Discussion was held to suspend the bylaw stating faculty and staff must have been employed by the Institute of Agriculture for at least three years before becoming eligible for membership. The International Chapter approved this change during the 2006 Conclave. The Constitution Committee was charged with drafting changes to the faculty and staff eligibility section. The decision was made to hold two faculty nominations until spring. A motion was made that the list be accepted, a second was received and the motion carried with the provision to hold two faculty nominations until spring. Departmental representatives were asked to pick up packets and hand-deliver invitations to faculty, staff and students.

Discussion of a new graduate student award was brought to the floor. The suggestion was made for the Awards Committee to determine the award selection criteria. The Constitution Committee was asked to add a new graduate student awards section. Further discussion was deferred to the next meeting to allow for modifications to the by-laws.

Additional changes to the chapter by-laws were discussed and the Constitutional Committee was asked to modify the by-laws to reflect the changes made by the International Chapter.

Announcements:

A reminder announcement was made about the upcoming Fall Awards and Initiation Banquet to be held on November 9, 2007 at 6:00 pm in Hollingsworth Auditorium. Dr. Joseph DiPietro will be the evening's guest speaker.

The group thanked Mike Buschermohle for his part in planning the Fall Awards Banquet.

The departmental representatives were reminded to pick up their nomination packets.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Emily L. Tipton, Interim Secretary.