



**Gamma Sigma Delta
Winter Business Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2007**

Twenty-six Gamma Sigma Delta members of the Tennessee Chapter helped themselves to sandwiches, sides and drinks for lunch during the Winter Business Meeting on February 20, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by Mike Smith, President. Dr. Smith thanked Mike Buschermohle for planning and organizing lunch for the Chapter.

The minutes of the 2006 Fall Business meeting (October 19, 2006) were reviewed and approved with a single correction to the first line.

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

1. Fall membership dues increased from previous year with 42 new initiates.
2. The net change reflects \$492 to the good!

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – Mike Smith encouraged members to visit the GSD website for the Fall Banquet results and photos.

Awards Committee – No report

Audit Committee – No report

Banquet and Luncheon Committee – Covered under New Business

Constitution Review Committee – Covered under New Business

Greetings Committee – Jim Willis will not be available for the banquet but other individuals will be contacted to help.

Finance Committee

1. Willie Hart, Committee Chair, asked for individuals to develop ideas for activities with high impact that could be accomplished with Chapter funds.
2. He also welcomed and encouraged an audit.

Membership Committee – Covered under New Business

Nominating Committee – Covered under New Business

Project Committee – Mike Smith suggested all project ideas to be forwarded to Carrie Fritz.

Publicity Committee – Patty McDaniels reported that all of the Fall Award Banquet information and photos are posted on the GSD website as well as the calendar of events.

International Activities:

1. John Riley, International Secretary, shared that the International Chapter is looking to update and redesign the International website. They are currently accepting bids from potential web developers.
2. A new graduation cord is now available from the GSD supply catalog to wear with graduation attire. The cord is forest green and sand in color, only costs \$5.00 and Dr. Riley has several on hand. He encouraged members to mention this to all new initiates.
3. The next International Conclave will be hosted by University of Kentucky in two years.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Constitution Committee: Ernie Bazen thanked Bonnie Ownley for drafting the previously discussed changes to the Chapter constitution. He distributed the proposed constitution changes and additions out to members indicating all changes were marked in red. Willie Hart shared an e-mail from Dr. Schneider concerning the addition of 'and natural resources' under Article III, Membership, section 1, D. After Chapter members reviewed the proposed changes, the proposed graduate student award criteria were openly discussed within the group. Questions concerning eligibility, number of awards given, nominating procedures and materials were voiced. It was decided that the award should include all graduate students without excluding any one particular program but should also recognize the 'complete' student. It was recommended that the Constitution Review Committee make final adjustments to the award description and criteria. In order to recognize a deserving graduate student at the Spring Reception, it was recommended to accept the award information 'as-is' for now with the option to amend the constitution at a later date. It was also recommended to include Family and Consumer Sciences. A motion to accept all changes to the constitution was made, a second was received and the motion carried. Mike Smith proposed a vote to the membership to accept the changes as written with provisions or minor adjustments to be made. The membership voted to accept the constitution changes as submitted.

New Members: Graduate, undergraduate and College of Veterinary Medicine student nominee listings were distributed and reviewed. The two faculty members that completed the initial nomination procedures that were held from fall initiation were also distributed. The floor was opened to for additional nominations. It was suggested that all departmental representatives review the listing for accuracy. Larry Wilson brought to the membership's attention that if there were any new hires that were initiated into GSD at another institution we will honor their one year membership, if dues were paid at their previous institution. A motion was made that the list be accepted, a second was received and the motion carried. Departmental representatives were asked to pick up packets and hand-deliver invitations to students.

Spring Banquet, April 12, 2007: The Spring Reception and Initiation Reception is set for Thursday, April 12 at 3:00 pm in 156 PBT. Mike Buschermohle stated that he will not be available to coordinate the refreshments. He mentioned that The Entertainers could be an option at \$10 per person. John Riley inquired to what the initiation fees would be for the spring initiates and who sets the amount. It was discussed that the Fall initiation fee was \$30 which included \$15 for International dues and the \$10 banquet ticket. It was recommended that the Executive Committee address initiation fees.

Election of New Officers: Hank Kattesh, Nominating Committee Chair, shared the proposed slate of officers: President Elect – Fred Allen, Treasurer – Willie Hart, Secretary – Emily L. Tipton, Historian – Emily Gray. The floor was opened to additional nominations and then it was moved and accepted to close. A motion was made to accept the nominated slate of officers as stated, a second was received and the motion carried.

Other Business: None

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Emily L. Tipton, Secretary.