

**Gamma Sigma Delta
Winter Business Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2006**

Members helped themselves to sandwiches, sides, and drinks for lunch.

Meeting was called to order by George Grandle.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of Fall 2005 business meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

1. 56 paid members, down from 75 last year and 100 previous year.
2. Requested that departments ask members to pay dues.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – no report

Audit Committee – no report

Greetings Committee – no report

Constitution Review Committee – may need changes based on International changes.

Awards Committee – no report

Publicity Committee – no report

Project Committee – no report

Nominating Committee – covered under New Business

Banquet and Luncheon Committee – good comments were received on lunch versus breakfast

Finance Committee

1. Hart requested that members give serious thought to problem with membership dues not being paid.
2. Mike Keel suggested that members make personal visits to non-paying members to encourage participation and payment.
3. Suggestion was made that department reps contact non-paying members in their departments – Hart will get lists by department.
4. We need to stress that we want members to participate, not that we just want their money.
5. Suggestion was made that we get the new Vice President involved in GSD in order to show people it is important. Grandle will visit with Dr. DiPietro.
6. Larry Wilson suggested that we invite Dr. DiPietro to our April meeting, perhaps as the speaker.

Membership Committee – covered under New Business

International Activities:

1. John Riley, International Secretary, announced that the 100th anniversary of GSD will be celebrated at the 2006 Conclave held at The Ohio State University, the founding chapter, June 24-26.
2. The acceptance rate for members is low internationally so our chapter faces the same problems.

3. An international foundation has been established whereby tax-deductible donations can be made to support scholarships which will be provided based on chapter nominations.
4. Three new chapters have been developed in the past three years, the latest being North Dakota State University.
5. Mary Albrecht asked if colleges such as Human Ecology (previously Home Economics) were included. Riley indicated that it is up to the individual institutions.

Old Business:

Information received from Ann Draughon on the status of an old project will be e-mailed to members.

New Business:

Nominee list was distributed and reviewed. With the exception of one student who is already a member and listed under a married name, a motion was made that the list be accepted. A second was received and the motion carried.

Departmental reps should pick up packets and were asked to hand-deliver invitations to students because last time some letters were delayed in the mail.

Spring Initiation, Reception and Business Meeting will be April 25, 2006, 3 PM, Rooms 156/157, Plant BioTech Building.

Election of New Officers: The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers:

Willie Hart – continuing as Treasurer

Clark Brekke – continuing as Secretary

Ernie Bazen – President-elect

Emily Gray – Historian

A move was made to close nominations, 2nd was received, and motion carried. Officers will be installed at the Spring reception.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Emily Gray for Clark Brekke.