

## **Communication Graduate Student Association Minutes of the Officers Meeting held February 12, 2004.**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:15am in room 336 Baldy Hall.

### **Attendance**

Present: Jennie Hwang, Hao-Ting Lu (Tina), Brenda Battleson, Ruiyun Xi (Rhea)  
Excused: Heather Marshall.

### **Approval of Old Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the general meeting of January 15, 2003 were postponed so that they could be reviewed by the membership.

### **New Business**

Jennie called this meeting to discuss conference funding requests and funds available for the planned colloquium.

First, she outlined the requests made by Chris Szczepanski and Raymond Hsieh. The only request in question was that of Raymond Hsieh since the conference he attended had already occurred. Jennie agreed to find out if the COMGSA can still answer funding requests retrospectively.

Business turned to the April colloquium. Jennie stated that there were no funds left in GSA to sponsor colloquia. We can request Special Activities funding instead, but prepare a proposal, which should include sponsorship by 3 other organizations, one of which must be an active GSA club. Jennie and Brenda will work on the proposal, which must be submitted by February 18, 2004.

There has not been any confirmation from the Library Studies or Informatics GSAs as to whether or not they wish to participate actively. However, Brenda suggested that they might be willing to serve as sponsors "in kind." Jennie will contact each of these GSA presidents to confirm.

Brenda suggested that Jennie also approach the dean of the School of Informatics to see if they would be able to sponsor or provide some funding. On the matter of food, perhaps one of the establishments from which we obtain food for such events would be able to provide a discount. One suggestion was the Red Dragon, with which the club has had success in the past. Hao-Ting will look into this. This would be beneficial since the bulk of funding will be used to provide refreshments.

Hao-Ting will also provide PR and announce the colloquium to the Com Department's graduate students. She states that she will strongly encourage participation.

Faculty will be invited as well, in hopes that they may provide critiques and suggestions for those presenting. There will be two sessions. The first will be presentations of formal papers. The second will be more informal presentations of research in progress or dissertation/thesis topics.

Ruiyun had one announcement regarding the Senator's meeting, stating that elections for new officers will be held soon.

The Thai International Association GSA is sponsoring a "Thai Night" celebration and asked if the COMGSA would be willing to be a sponsor. We could make a small donation or be sponsors "in kind." It was decided that a donation of \$20.00 to this event would be made.

### **Motions**

Motion 1. Approve a conference funding request of \$75.00 for Chris Szczepanski, who will present his paper "Program context and persuasion: The impact of documentary programming on embedded commercials" at the American Academy of Advertising 2004 Annual Conference, March 23-28, 2004, Baton Rouge, LA.

Motion 2. Approve a conference funding request of \$75.00 for Raymond Hsieh, who presented a paper at the 25th Annual McMaster World Congress, held in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, January 14-16, 2004.

Motion 3. Approve a \$20.00 donation to the Thai International Association GSA's Thai Night celebration.

### **Approval/Denial of Motions**

Motion 1 was approved.

Motion 2 was originally approved pending confirmation from GSA that the COMGSA may provide retrospective conference funding, so long as the conference was held in the 2003-2004 academic year. As of February 13, 2004, GSA had confirmed that such funding is permitted. Thus, Motion 2 was approved.

Motion 3 was approved.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Battleson,  
Secretary