

Eastern Washington University
Graduate Affairs Council
Minutes of April 9, 2025

Members Present: D. Ayers, L. Reeves, C. McNeely, D. Semb, J. Lawlar, K. Hope, B. Davenport, K. Walker

University Officials: S. Eubanks, J. Curtis

1. The meeting was called to order by D. Ayers at 3:05 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of March 12, 2025. *Hearing no objections, the minutes are approved.*

3. Reports. a. Chairs Report. D. Ayers reported: i. Rules was held yesterday. A. Scharosch will be attending the April 14th Senate meeting to talk about all the changes in Federal law and the chaotic situation we are currently in. ii. AAUP is having a Day of Action and Eastern is going to partner with them in some way. A flyer was sent to all faculty today which has more information. This is a way of showing solidarity in Higher Education and also academic freedom. iii. He will be attending Senate on the 14th for the AP 303-22 Probation & Dismissal policy change that will be heard for the third time.

b. Administrative Report. S. Eubanks reported: i. On March 25th, they found out that the GSA Waiver budget will be cut by roughly 30% from this year to next year. They had to send out messages to all the programs that have GSA's that they would be cutting them significantly and they had to create a list of what they wanted to prioritize. They like to support students for two years of GSA waiver, even though the rules and letters technically say for one year, they still want to support them for two years. The request form for GSAs is open now and they will prioritize in-state GSAs vs. out-of-state waivers. There may not be anything left for staff waivers since they originally had \$1.3 million and next AY, they will have \$970,000. He stated that he has been trying to figure out who decided to reduce the waivers but has been unable to determine that.

c. ASEWU Graduate Affairs Report. J. Curtis reported: i. their first meeting is scheduled for this Friday, April 11th at 12:30 p.m. in PUB 207. They are looking at issues that pertain to undergraduate students. ii. Primary elections opened on April 8th and will close on April 10th with the results posted on the door, PUB 207, April 11th at 8:00 a.m. General elections will open on April 22nd and will close on April 24th with results posted on the door of PUB 207 on April 25th at 8:00 a.m.

4. Unfinished Business. a. CPAC. S. Eubanks stated there isn't anything currently however the MBA is adding a concentration for Cybersecurity and that got voted down. Planning wants to add some stacked courses but there was no differentiation between the classes. CPAC does have some clean-up to do.

5. New Business. None.

6. Good of the Order. None.

7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.