



**Gamma Sigma Delta
Winter Business Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2012**

Thirty-three Gamma Sigma Delta members of the Tennessee Chapter enjoyed lunch as Margot Emery, chapter president, called the meeting to order on February 28, 2012.

Minutes from the Fall Business meeting (September 20, 2011) were distributed, reviewed and approved.

Committee reports began with Mark Fly, Nominating Committee Chair, asked for president-elect and other officer position nominations be submitted by March 15 for elections at the spring reception.

Fred Allen, Projects Committee Chair, provided an update on the Indian Mound project, initially funded by \$450 Chapter Enrichment Grant growing into a \$150,000 multi-organization project. Plants and signage have been ordered with plans for the Southern Region Native Plants course to install, but members are encouraged to assist.

Old business begins with Emily Gray reminding members of the upcoming Career Workshop. Margot Emery discussed the 2012 Conclave dates and scheduled activities.

The Treasurer's report was distributed and reviewed. Willie Hart, treasurer, was pleased to report a positive budget, pending two outstanding invoices, including an increase in student dues (30%).

Margot Emery announced a new photography contest, open to all UTIA faculty, staff and students.

Cheryl Kojima, Membership Committee Chair, discussed the need for additional award criteria to determine eligibility and evaluate teaching award nominees. Discussion points will be referred to the Constitutional Committee for review and recommendations.

The spring awards reception was announced and membership were reminded to attend early to visit EURECA winning posters.

Faculty and student membership nominee listings were distributed and reviewed. 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. The membership was encouraged to further consider any potential faculty or staff nominees.

The floor was opened for discussion items.

The upcoming graduate award was clarified to include CVM students and also encouraged to participate in the CVM Research Symposium.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Emily L. Tipton, Secretary.



**Gamma Sigma Delta
Spring Initiation and Reception Business Minutes
April 10, 2012**

Sixty-two Gamma Sigma Delta members, initiates and guests of the Tennessee Chapter were treated to poster displays from EURECA participants and photo contest entries before enjoying a catered lunch as Margot Emery, chapter president, called the meeting to order on April 10, 2012.

After conclusion of the awards and initiation program, the business meeting began with committee reports encouraging members pay dues annually and on time to Willie Hart, chapter treasurer.

Fred Allen, Project Committee chair provided an update on the native plant installation for the Native American Interpretive Garden. He encouraged chapter members to participate during the open workday to be announced.

Mark Fly, Nomination Committee opened the floor for nominations for 2012-2013 president-elect and treasurer. Cheryl Kojima was presented as president-elect, the membership moved to cease nomination and accept nominee by acclamation. The motion passed. Willie Hart was presented to continue serving the as chapter treasurer for a new three-year term. The membership moved to cease nomination, and accept nominee by acclamation. The motion passed.

Margot Emery thanked committee and executive members for their service as well as the general membership for their support during her term as chapter president. Margot introduced Mike Buschermohle as 2012-2013 chapter president and presented him with the gavel.

Mike thanked the membership and announced the dates for the International conclave hosted by the chapter and invited members to attend the cookout to be held in the trial garden.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Emily L. Tipton, Secretary.