



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: OCTOBER 12, 2012

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GSO to send 4 to National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS) Annual Conference in North Carolina

In this, our third year of membership in the NAGPS, we will again send delegates to attend the annual conference, which is held in a different locale each year. Attending in North Carolina this November will be Internal VP Patrick Neary; GSO Senator Ngan Diep; GSO Webmaster Brandon Milonovich, and myself.

These meetings are an excellent tool for networking with other universities' graduate student governments and provide a valuable venue for comparing institutional situations and sharing best practices. We hosted the NAGPS regional conference last spring, and are considering putting in a bid to host next year's annual conference here at Syracuse.

Exploring possibilities for an institutional gift

At last spring's annual budget meeting, the Senate voted to allocate \$10,000 of our operating budget to institutional gift giving. I've been exploring options for that gift and recently met with Tim Eddy, who oversees the fitness centers on campus, and Joe Lore, Director of Recreation Services, in order to explore the possibility of creating additional space in Archbold Gymnasium dedicated to stretching and floor work. The space that exists at present is inadequate in proportion to the size of the facility, and students are frequently crowded or have to wait a long time to use the floor work area.

Joe and Tim were very receptive to the idea and suggested renovating a space currently used for storage. We plan to add floor mats, kettle bells, medicine balls, and a stretching cage, along with mirrors so that exercisers can monitor their form. Pending the senate's approval of funding for this project, the GSO will pay half of the total cost of furnishing the room, an estimate of which is around \$2,500 total.

Other ideas for the remaining monies in our institutional gift fund include outfitting a classroom with SMART equipment and/or installing an espresso machine at the Inn Complete. I will report on these initiatives as they are decided upon.

Committee on Expanded Campus Safety to meet with Dr. Lou Marcoccia, Dave Pajak, Tony Callisto, and others

Shortly after my report to the Board at our meeting on 9/14, Dr. Marcoccia reached out to schedule a meeting to talk about classroom security, particularly during a lock-down situation. The meeting is set for October 5 and will be attended by several of Dr. Marcoccia's direct reports as well as the members of the GSO's Committee on Expanded Campus Safety: Alicia Hall, Dave Wolken, and myself. I look forward to learning what steps have already been taken and to helping lay out a plan to continue pursuing measures to ensure that the students, faculty, and staff of Syracuse University are as educated and protected as possible in the event of a potentially life threatening emergency situation.