

**GSO Second Regular Business Meeting  
19 October, 2011 4:30pm @Inn Complete**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

Motion to accept sign in as role made, seconded, and passed unanimously

**III. Reading and Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion to accept previous minutes made, seconded, and passed unanimously

**IV. Executive Report (Melissa Welshans)**

a. Open Forum and Lunches

- There will be an Open Forum at 5:30pm on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> on campus (location TBA) for the university community at large to bring up issues they would like to see addressed by the GSO. Dinner will be provided.
- There will also be a 12:30 luncheon on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> for all committee chairs. This meeting is designed to increase transparency between committees and the eboard and for committee chairs to have more direct contact with members of the eboard. Committee chairs may send a proxy if they are unable to attend.

b. Committees

All committees have been adequately filled and all have had their initial meetings. All of the liaison positions have also been filled except for one: President Welshans needs someone to serve with her on the Grad Council; please email [gso@syr.edu](mailto:gso@syr.edu) if you are interested.

c. Bike Program

- The bike rental program at Cornell is the model that we are looking at emulating. The pilot would include about 30 bicycles, which could be rented at Bird Library and which would include a lock, a helmet, and a bell with the bike. Rentals run for 25 hours, after which the renter would begin to be charged. SA would also contribute; at Columbia, each student was charged a fee of \$1 for costs.
- From the floor: Senator suggests looking into a similar program in Denver, CO, where bikes are able to be returned electronically to locations around the city
- Question from the floor: who would pay to maintain the bikes after they were purchased? President says: the University would presumably be asked to contribute funds if the SA and GSO put up initial costs. At Cornell, one or more students were put in charge of maintaining the bikes.
- From the floor: if we support this initiative, the City of Syracuse should recognize the movement towards bicycle transportation we are trying to achieve and respond by making surrounding streets more bike-friendly through the inclusion of signage and

bike lanes.

d. Law School Halloween

The Halloween Bash with the Law School has been confirmed for Friday, 28 October from 9pm-1am. There will be drink specials, free food, and prizes for best costume in a variety of categories. Admission is \$3 and all proceeds will go to the Food Bank of Central New York.

e. NAGPS Regional Conference and Board

- VP Patrick and Brandon Milonovich will be traveling to Denver at the end of October to attend the national NAGPS Conference.
- President Welshans was contacted by the NAGPS regarding whether we would like to host the regional conference here at Syracuse next April. Conference would take place over a weekend in late April and we could expect 20-30 participants from the region. If we would like to be considered, Patrick and Brandon will put in a bid for SU at the national conference. We will need a committee to put together the proposal for the conference, including a short slide show, by next week.
- Previous hosting institution expected to spend around \$1,300 but ended up spending around \$600.
- President asks who would be interested in serving on the committee to set up the conference; several senators raise their hands.
- President asks if anyone would like to move for Patrick and Brandon to put in a bid to host; motion is made, seconded, and carries unanimously.
- If anyone is interested in running for a position on the NAGPS board, they should check out the positions listed on the website and talk to President Welshans or VP Patrick for details.

## **V. Special Committee Reports**

### **VI. Standing Committee Reports**

a. Finance Committee (Jack Mayernik)

i. Association of Public Diplomacy Scholars

This Special Programming Request is to cover travel costs for the speakers, and some of the lodging. Finance Committee's recommendation is to fund the entire amount of \$1912.04; motion to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation is made and carries unanimously.

## **VII. Old Business**

### **VIII. New Business**

a. Constitutional Repair ("Revision") Committee (Patrick Neary)

VP Patrick has assembled a small committee to go through the constitution and make small, grammatical and logical changes in order to bring the document up to date and

to eliminate any confusing or inaccurate wording. This committee will not be focusing on making any substantive changes to the constitution but will instead convene to ensure logical wording and sound structure in the constitution.

b. Printing of Agendas (Nicole Howell)

- Nicole would like to ask the GSO to reconsider its practice of bringing a large stack of printed agendas to business meetings.
- Options Discussed: projecting the agenda on the Inn Complete's television screens; bringing a projector to the meetings; printing the agendas smaller so as to waste less paper; printing fewer numbers of agendas.
- It is decided that half the number of agendas will be printed and the executive board will make an effort to procure a projector for the next meeting; we will see how that works and go from there.
  - Later amendment: Patrick Dawes would like it to be reflected that paper is, in fact, a renewable resource.

**IX. Remarks for the Record**

Joe Ralbovsky introduces CASSE, the Certificate of Advanced Study in Sustainable Enterprise offered through the Sustainable Enterprise Partnership. Folks interested in CASSE can visit <http://partnersforsustainability.org/curriculum/> for more information.

**X. Announcements**

a. Date Change for February Meeting – Meeting Changed to 2/29 (Patrick Neary)

b. GSO will launch Tshirts with the slogan: “You know you’re a grad student if:” – please ask constituents to submit responses to [gso@syr.edu](mailto:gso@syr.edu) or to the Facebook page.

**XI. Adjournment**