

GSO Senate Third Business Meeting November 28th, 2012

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Motion #1: accept the sign in sheet as roll call
 - b. Motion #1 carries unanimously
- III. Reading and Acceptance of Previous Minutes
 - a. Motion #2: accept the minutes from our previous meeting
 - b. Motion #2 carries unanimously
- IV. Executive Report
 - a. President's Report (Melissa Kizina Motsch)
 - i. GSO Mugs – Thank You!
 - ii. Committee Reporting
 - 1. Deadline for progress reports has been extended to December 7th
 - iii. GSO Website – Reports Area
 - 1. Melissa provided a walkthrough of how to log in to the website and access committee reports
 - iv. Agenda Committee
 - 1. We would like to revive the Agenda Committee, which will be responsible for summing up the activities of the entire year and providing a report
 - 2. Request for volunteers for this committee
 - 3. Committee will likely meet only once or twice this year, but will mostly require email communication
 - 4. Volunteers: Alison Morley (Political Science), Daria Bakina (Psychology)
 - v. Chancellor Search Committee
 - 1. The University Senate would like us to send a representative to be on the Chancellor Search Committee
 - 2. Patrick Neary has volunteered
 - 3. Criteria: must be an active, enrolled graduate student until at least Spring 2014
 - 4. No new volunteers, Patrick Neary will be our representative
 - vi. Drumlins and Alternatives
 - 1. Drumlins working group has been looking into alternatives to Drumlins
 - 2. Tentative package:
 - a. 250 rounds of golf with free carts at The Links at Erie Village

- b. OptiGolf (Destiny USA) is a golf simulator and we are exploring options there: 100 free rounds of golf with free rental equipment
 - c. Purchase of 250 Empire Passes (free admission to Green Lakes and many other New York state parks) which could then be purchased for \$10/graduate student
 - d. All of this would still bring us in under the current total that we're paying to Drumlins
 - 3. Final decisions on this will be made at the spring budget meeting
 - 4. Question: if we maintain our relationship with Drumlins could we add the Empire Passes anyway?
 - 5. Response (Pat Dawes): the finance committee would have to discuss this, but it initially seems possible
- b. Internal Vice President's Report (Patrick Neary)
 - i. Committee Chair Coordinating
 - 1. Patrick would like to meet with all committee chairs to discuss committee activities and reports (approximately 15 minute meetings, or Patrick could attend standing meetings)
 - 2. EBoard recently discussed having a monthly meeting with the Board and committee chairs starting next Fall
 - ii. Student Organization Registration Planning
 - 1. Throughout the next semester Patrick will be meeting with organizations that currently have issues with registration requirements to ensure a smooth re-registration next year
 - iii. NAGPS National Conference
 - 1. Report on the conference (Patrick)
 - 2. Four people elected to officer positions:
 - a. Brandon Milonovich, Vice President NAGPS
 - b. Patrick Neary, Director of Administration
 - c. Ngan Diep, Northeast Regional Chair
 - d. Melissa Kizina Motsch, Director of Outreach for the Northeast Region
- c. External Vice President's Report (Todd Metcalf)
 - i. Crunch Game Tickets
 - 1. Deal being finalized for Friday, 2/8 at 7:00PM
 - 2. Please see Todd if you would like tickets (up to two). We are currently ordering 50 but can purchase more if necessary
 - 3. Question: can we advertise this to people in our department?
 - 4. Response (Todd): yes, this event will be open to all grad students
 - ii. GSO Senate Facebook Group

1. Please look for this group on Facebook and request to join
- iii. Sheraton Happy Hour
 1. Tonight after this meeting, at the Citrus Lounge at the Sheraton
 2. Question: can we send out an email to the listserv with the name of the group
- d. Comptroller's Report (Pat Dawes)
 - i. Two funding requests (under \$1000 limit so acted on by EBoard)
 - ii. First: Code Orange (approved by EBoard)
 - iii. Second: travel for NAGPS conference budget bumped up for increased travel costs (approved by EBoard)
 - iv. Everyone will be receiving a copy of the revised fiscal policy over break
 1. Please send comments to Pat Dawes to be reviewed at the next Finance Committee meeting
- V. Special Committee Reports
- VI. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports
 - a. Travel Grant Committee (Melissa Welshans)
 - i. Committee met on November 3rd
 - ii. 28 applications for grants
 - iii. Awarded \$7008
 - iv. To date have awarded half of the budget for the year (total budget is \$40,000 and have thus far allocated about \$20,000)
 - v. So far everyone who has applied has received an award of some amount
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Resolution 13.07 – Travel Grant Program Expansion
 - i. No objections to considering Resolution 13.07
 - ii. Resolution will allocate \$10,000 to this pilot program for research grants
 - iii. Question: what will the requirements be?
 - iv. Response: similar to the current program; main requirement is to explain why the particular research trip is essential to the completion of their degree
 - v. Question: why is the cap higher than the standard travel grants (\$500)?
 - vi. Response: to make sure we can provide meaningful support, given that research travel often requires longer stays; may not stay at this higher cap though
 - vii. Q: would food expenses be applicable?
 - viii. R: no.
 - ix. Motion #3: adopt Resolution 13.07
 - x. Motion #3 carries
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Resolution 13.08 – Fund NAGPS Travel

- i. Motion #4: adopt Resolution 13.08
 - ii. Will help fund travel to the annual NAGPS national board meeting
 - iii. The NAGPS has a relatively small budget and cannot provide travel funds to all board members, officers are encouraged to request funding from their home institution
 - iv. National board meets once per year
 - v. Four days: airfare (\$460/person), hotel (\$90/person), local transportation (\$100/person), food (\$60/person/day); comes to (\$1500/person); \$2500 total
 - vi. Motion#5: move to vote
 - vii. No opposition to Motion #5
 - viii. Motion #4 carries
- b. Resolution 13.09 – Legacy NAGPS Membership
 - i. Motion #6: accept Resolution 13.09
 - ii. We are currently members of the NAGPS, pay \$500/year to maintain this membership
 - iii. It is possible to become a legacy member by paying a large one-time sum
 - iv. Legacy membership payment is \$12,500 to be taken out of our rollover funds (annual rate is currently \$500/year)
 - v. Motion #6 carries
- c. Funding GSO Photographer Pool
 - i. Motion #7: GSO fund the GSO Photographer Pool for \$1000
 - ii. This would be open to the whole graduate student body, would like to have three or four standing photographers
 - iii. Outreach Committee would coordinate having a photographer at all events
 - iv. Photographers would be paid \$30/hour
 - v. Motion #7 carries
- d. Library has cut ties with Upstate which is affecting clinical psychology students' research
 - i. Melissa Welshans: Library Committee can advocate for better access to health journals; library is also aware of this issue

IX. Remarks for the Record

X. Announcements

- a. Darren McGregor (Earth Science MA student) is doing a survey, would like senators to distribute to your graduate students for a final project for a statistics class
 - i. He would then turn results over to the GSO for our use
 - ii. Melissa will email the link to the survey to the GSO listserv
 - iii. Please forward to your constituents

iv. Finance committee is in the process of putting together a survey to send to the entire student body and responding to this survey will help with that project

b. Reminder: take a mug!

XI. Adjournment

Motion #8: Adjourn

Motion #8 carries