

## GSO Senate Fourth Business Meeting

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Motion #1: accept role call
  - b. Motion #1 carries
- III. Reading and Acceptance of Previous Minutes
  - a. Motion #2: accept minutes from previous minutes
  - b. Motion #2: carries
- IV. Executive Reports
  - a. President's Report (Melissa Kizina Motsch)
    - i. Grad appreciate day at the end of last semester, gave away donuts, coffee, and GSO mugs
    - ii. 88 "likes" to go on our 1,000 likes campaign
    - iii. The grad only stretching room has been completed on the ground floor of Archibold gym
    - iv. Have received almost all committee reports from chairs, have emailed those who still need to submit reports (only missing 4)
    - v. These reports will be posted on the website soon
  - b. Internal Vice President's Report (Patrick Neary)
    - i. Committee Chairs
      - 1. Please fill out the information about setting up a meeting with the Eboard and committee chairs as soon as possible
    - ii. NAGPS Board of Directors Meeting
      - 1. Report: meeting was very successful
      - 2. We are now a "legacy" member of the GSO & have three representatives on the NAGPS Board of Directors
      - 3. Legislative action days will be taking place in March
      - 4. We are not currently planning to send anyone to D.C. but if you are interested in lobbying please go to [NAGPS.org](http://NAGPS.org) and talk to Patrick about your interest
  - c. Comptroller's Report (Pat Dawes)
    - i. Fiscal Policy Update
      - 1. Revisions are posted in the "about" section of our website; if you have any comments please send them to [gsocomptroller@syr.edu](mailto:gsocomptroller@syr.edu) by February 1<sup>st</sup>
      - 2. Major revisions include the elimination of differences in money earned by departmental representation and additional funds

3. Refined some of our alcohol policies to be more in line with university policy
4. More concrete guidelines for the funding that the GSO should hold in reserve & on how pay is distributed to the Eboard
5. The Eboard has decided that lowering our contribution to the Inn Complete would be a good idea fiscally
6. We have decided to lower our funding from \$51,000 to a maximum of \$30,000 (traditionally we have given about \$40,000, last year it was \$51,000 in order to allow them to address some electrical issues)
7. We have decreased our use of the Inn and it is currently being run more efficiently
8. Question: will this decrease in funds affect the discount grad students currently receive?
9. Answer: yes, we would like to negotiate a reduction that will allow grad students to retain the current discount
10. Motion #3: ratify \$30,000 as the starting amount for negotiations with the Inn
11. Motion #3: carries unanimously
12. Budgets are due on April 1<sup>st</sup>
13. GSO elections are coming up soon, comptroller position will be open. If you are interested in the comptroller position you are welcome to start attending Finance Committee meetings to sit in or meet with Pat to discuss the position

V. Special Committee Reports

VI. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports

a. Finance Committee (Pat Dawes)

i. Special Programming – MAXPAC - \$2476.38

1. Networking trip for MAXPAC students to Boston
2. Finance Committee approved requested amount in full
3. Motion #4: to accept FC committee recommendation
4. Motion #4: carries unanimously

ii. Special Programming – Kidfest - \$1500

1. We have traditionally funded this for a few years
2. Large event in the Dome for local children, has been very successful in the past
3. Have 60+ grad student volunteers who help put this on, though it does not benefit SU grad students directly
4. Finance Committee recommends granting the requested amount in full

5. Motion #5: accept FC recommendation to approve this request
6. Motion #5: carries unanimously
- iii. Special Programming – International Service Committee - \$11200.00
  1. FC recommends rejecting this request and providing no funding for this event
  2. Only aids 16 grad students and boils down to about \$750/student
  3. Motion #6: accept FC recommendation to deny this request and provide not funding for this event
  4. Motion #6: carries unanimously
- iv. Special Programming – Chi Sigma Iota - \$2498.00
  1. Bringing in a speaker to talk about mental health issues
  2. Funding is to fund speaker travel
  3. FC recommends that we approve this request in full
  4. Motion #7: accept FC recommendation to approve this request
  5. Discussion: this is the honor society for the School of Ed; talk will be open to the entire student body; they did look for and receive other sources of funding (from their department, School of Ed, and Counseling & Student Services)
  6. Motion #7: motion carries

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- a. Re-designate Dome Partnership Funds
  - i. The Dome has not been willing to offer us any additional discounts for our partnership
  - ii. The Outdoor Education program has already utilized all of our subsidy money and seems to be very popular thus far
  - iii. We would like to put this money towards further subsidy of Outdoor Ed programs for grad students & the events like the upcoming Crunch game
  - iv. Motion #4: reallocate all Dome partnership funds to the general Outreach program (\$9,400 remaining)
    1. Discussion: will events require a vote?
    2. Response: no, Todd will be able to spend this money at his discretion
    3. Question: how do people hear about these events?
    4. Response: there will be an email about these events sent out next week, but we do rely on our senators to help get the word out
  - v. Motion #4: motion carries
  - vi. There are about 40 tickets left for the Crunch game on February 8<sup>th</sup>
- b. Funding Travel to the NAGPS Northeast Regional Conference
  - i. We get free registration because we hosted this last year

- ii. Conference this year is in Boston, March 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>
- iii. Motion to fund travel, board, and lodging for our three representatives (mileage to Boston, 2 night hotel, and small per diem for each person)
- iv. Motion #8: fund \$1,500 in total for travel for these three representatives to these events
  - 1. Discussion: why would we provide a per diem for this event when we do not for travel grants?
  - 2. Response: because this trip is not for the educational for professional development of the students in question, but for the GSO more generally
- v. Motion #8: motion carries

IX. Remarks for the Record

- a. Consider running for a Board position in April!
- b. In April we will approve the budget and elect new Eboard members
- c. Please talk to Eboard members if you have any questions about any of these positions

X. Announcements

- a. Todd: encourage everyone to run for an Eboard position
- b. Crunch game February 8<sup>th</sup>
- c. Please sign up for our GSO Senator Facebook group as events are regularly posted on here
- d. Melissa will be sending out an email soon to the entire grad student body; will include a solicitation for volunteers to act as photographers for GSO events
  - i. If interested send an email to the regular GSO account (will pay ~\$30/hour)

XI. Adjournment

- a. Motion #9: to adjourn
- b. Motion #9: carries