

## GSO Senate Sixth Regular Business Meeting

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Motion#1: accept the sign in sheet as roll call
  - b. Motion #1: carries
- III. Reading and Acceptance of Previous Minutes
  - a. Motion #2: accept the previous minutes
  - b. Motion #2: carries
- IV. Guest Speakers
  - a. Student Association Representative
    - i. What sort of relationship would the GSO like to have with the SA in the future
    - ii. Melissa: better, consistent communication
  - b. Tony Callisto, Chief of DPS
    - i. Discussed community policing
    - ii. Student advisory council – meets on Sunday every other week
      1. Next meeting will be after spring break, likely March 24<sup>th</sup> for those who are interested
    - iii. Also encouraged students to do a ride-along with DPS or spend some time in the communications center
    - iv. “Warm Up to DPS” program – will be serving hot chocolate and give students a chance to meet actual DPS officers (starting Monday from 10:00-12:00, College Place bus stop)
      1. Also doing “Wrapping with DPS” – dinner with DPS officers for the same purpose
      2. Planning to do activities like kickball and volleyball on the quad
      3. Would like to serve pancakes at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> stress relief event at Schine
    - v. DPS will announce all of these events via Facebook & Twitter (Melissa will also send info about these events out to the listserv)
    - vi. Question: can we contact DPS about off campus neighborhood issues?
      1. Yes.
    - vii. Question: how will new west campus affect DPS patrolling
      1. They are currently in the process of opening an office there
    - viii. Question: what is DPS’s policy on their escort service?
      1. Shuttle You Home runs out of Watson Hall from 8:00AM-4:00AM
      2. Can also call the hotline, please don’t hesitate if you feel like you need to get home and feel unsafe

- V. Executive Reports
  - a. Motion #3: proceed directly to Old Business
  - b. Motion #3: carries
  - c. President's Report (Melissa Kizina Motsch)
    - i. 1000 Likes
      - 1. We've achieved (currently 1,050)
      - 2. Party will be March 8<sup>th</sup>, Benjamin's on Franklin, free cover for all grad students and law students, \$3 drafts and well drinks
        - a. Question: how much will it cost for significant others?
          - i. Regular cover (probably \$5)
    - ii. Sweetheart Skate
      - 1. Big success, 90 people attended, free pizza and pink drinks at the Inn Complete afterwards
    - iii. Mayfest
      - 1. Informal poll on Facebook provided a fairly split response
      - 2. People disinterested were very much so, but those who were interested relatively ambivalent
      - 3. Melissa's recommendation is that we do not subsidize Mayfest
      - 4. Senators welcome to make a motion to fund if they would like
    - iv. Upcoming Events
      - 1. Todd will discuss these
    - v. Learn to Skate Subsidy
      - 1. This was a huge success, used the entire \$500 and would like to know if we would like to subsidize this again starting in March
      - 2. Would subsidize roughly another 15 students
      - 3. Motion #6: approve subsidizing this program for another \$500
        - a. Where would this funding come from?
          - i. Pat: rollover funding, currently have about \$190,000
      - 4. Motion #6: carries
    - vi. Chair/Liaison Dinner
      - 1. If you have received an email from Melissa about this please fill out the Doodle so that we can schedule this event
  - d. Internal Vice President's Report (Patrick Neary)
    - i. Constitution Edit Day
      - 1. The language of the current constitution is not great, and there are also outdated features about our fiscal policies and relationship with the university
      - 2. Most editing will be about relatively non-substantive changes
      - 3. Any changes will ultimately have to be voted on by the senate

4. This group will meet next week (Tuesday or Wednesday evening)
  5. If you are interested in attending or being involved please contact Patrick after the meeting
- ii. Chancellor's Search Committee
    1. Patrick is serving on this committee, they have met for the first time
    2. Committee members must sign non-confidentiality letters so there is not much Patrick can currently share, but he feels very positively about the prospects of the search for a new chancellor
- e. Special Committee Reports
  - f. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports
    - i. Finance Committee (Pat Dawes)
      1. SATSA – Requested \$3500
        - a. Finance committee recommendation – approve this amount, fund this request in full
        - b. Motion #7: accept FC recommendation
        - c. Motion #7: carries unanimously
      2. SUPRA – Requested \$410
        - a. Finance committee recommendation – approve funding for this amount in full
        - b. Motion #8: accept FC recommendation
        - c. Motion #8: carries unanimously
      3. MWC – Requested \$400
        - a. Finance committee recommendation – approve funding for this amount in full
        - b. Motion #9: accept FC recommendation
        - c. Motion #9: carries unanimously
      4. EGO – Requested \$235.70
        - a. Finance committee recommendation – approve funding for this amount in full
        - b. Motion #10: accept FC recommendation
        - c. Motion #10: carries unanimously
      5. 1,000 likes and chair/liaison dinners require funding approval from the senate
        - a. We do have funds in rollover available for these events
        - b. FC recommendation – fund chair/liaisons dinner for up to \$1,000
        - c. Motion #11: accept FC recommendation
        - d. Motion #11: carries unanimously
        - e. FC recommendation – fund 1,000 likes event for \$600

- f. Motion #12: accept FC recommendation
  - i. Suggestion: Washington St. parking garage is free on weekends
- g. Motion #12: carries unanimously
- ii. Travel Grant Committee (Melissa Welshans)
  - 1. Report: 43 applications for February (higher than usual b/c last deadline was in November)
    - a. All of the applications have been very strong and the majority of students are requesting more than \$300
    - b. Average award amount was ~\$250
    - c. Gave ~\$11,000 in awards in February
    - d. Still three more deadlines to go, but only \$9,000 remaining in the budget
    - e. Budget for the year was \$40,000, looks to be insufficient in light of the continued growth of the program
  - 2. Motion #13: increase Travel Grant Funding by \$15,000 for the remainder of this year
    - a. In the future will ask the Senate to account for growth of the program in the budget
    - b. Will not increase maximum awards
    - c. Expecting approximately 60 more applications for the remainder of the year
    - d. In the future FC will ask the travel grant committee to submit a budget similar to our service providers so that we can avoid future requests like this
    - e. Question: why is the travel committee consistently coming back with requests for additional funds
      - i. Melissa: clearly did not account for growth in previous request, will do this in the future
      - ii. Keeping in mind that should not continue to make requests like this in future years (need to do a better job of accounting for growth)
      - iii. Do try to be conservative in making award decisions, there is a clear rubric for judging them which is available on the GSO website
      - iv. Committee would have to make a much harsher rubric and deny a significant number of applications if we do not increase funding and account for the growth of the program

- f. Question: do you have to be presenting at a conference to get an award?
                - i. No (to allow for important networking), but the vast majority of awards are given to presenters
            - 3. Motion #13: carries
- VI. Old Business – 28 voting senators present
  - a. Resolution 13.10 – Adding a Financial Secretary and Altering Elections
    - i. Discussion:
      - 1. Motivation: originally an equity issue, way to provide MA and other grad students on campus for less than two years an opportunity to serve on the GSO executive board
      - 2. This amendment will provide all graduate students with an opportunity to serve on the executive board
      - 3. Question: why isn't the comptroller just a full-time position
        - a. The full time positions do not come with tuition credits, and you can hold a full time position if you have a TAship that does
        - b. So, full-time positions were largely restricted to students whose funding is up
      - 4. Question: does a lot of work occur for the executive board over the summer
        - a. No, not typically
      - 5. Question: will this create difficulties regarding transition?
    - ii. Motion #4: accept Resolution 13.10
    - iii. Motion #4: carries (28 in favor, 1 opposed)
  - b. Resolution 13.11 – Changing Term Limits of Officers
    - i. Discussion:
      - 1. Motivation: allows for someone to serve as president for more years than currently possible (allows for continuity), while still capping the position
      - 2. Question: leaves open the possibility that positions other than the president become full time at some point in the future?
        - a. Yes
      - 3. Question: what is the amendment rewrite under discussion?
        - a. Patrick will discuss in his report – he is currently in the process of rewriting the GSO constitution (any changes have to be voted on by the senate)
      - 4. Motion #5: refer this to a new constitutional rewriting committee
        - a. Would waiting provide a problem for any of the current board members?

i. No.

5. Motion #5: carries (20 in favor, 6 opposed)

VII. New Business

a. Westcott Bus Route Petition

- i. Looking for support from the GSO and SA for this petition, which deals with getting a bus that runs through the Westcott area to campus in the morning on the weekends
- ii. Want to put pressure on parking to let them know that there is a large population of students who would benefit from this service
- iii. Motion #14: endorse this petition
- iv. Suggestion: put the petition online, get it to the GSO and we can distribute the SA and graduate students
- v. Motion #14: carries (Melissa will sign and we will provide a letter on GSO letterhead)

b. Relay for Life – wants to do a competition amongst the graduate schools

VIII. Remarks for the Record

a. Consider Running for a Board Position!

IX. Announcements

- a. Patrick Neary will be running for president next year
- b. March 1<sup>st</sup> ice skating with ESF and happy hour at the Inn afterwards
- c. March 27<sup>th</sup> second Crunch game
- d. March 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Patty's day event with EPIC – will be raising money for Donors  
Choose to put supplies in classroom
- e. April 6<sup>th</sup> wine tasting, see Todd after the meeting if you're interested in helping with the wine selection
- f. March 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline on the website for the new research travel grant pilot program

X. Adjournment

- a. Motion #15: adjourn
- b. Motion #15: carries