

GSO Senate Second Business Meeting  
October 2, 2013  
Began at 5:33pm

Accept sign in sheet as roll call

Minutes approved from last meeting

Move to suspend rules, go back to old business and follow with new business, Seconded

Old Business:

1. Had a motion to amend constitution about who may send representatives to represent a department. This was sent to the agenda committee and decided “academic plan” was to replace “degree bearing units.” This terminology was decided due to the fact the University speaks in this manner. It will help to increase the representation of schools; this will hopefully even out how many students get represented per department. Ultimately this will help the GSO figure out what departments are not being represented. The new terminology will take effect immediately.
  - Motion to move the effective date to next semester. Motion seconded, Moved to being effective January 1, 2014.
  - Motion to close the discussion of effective date moving to Jan 1, 2014- vote-passed unanimously
  - Discussion about academic programs which have smaller numbers than others. This situation has been looked at for awhile.
  - Call to question to end debate about this matter-vote-passed unanimously
  - Vote on resolution of amendment-vote-passed (29-0-3)

New Business:

1. Financial Secretary Election:
  - Sarah H. Ledford- Elected
  - Arun S. Nair
2. Move to have compensation for Financial Secretary be 3,555 dollars and have the remained moved into Research Grant-vote- passed unanimously

Executive Reports:

- a. Patrick Neary reports following issues:
  1. Conclusion that May 31<sup>st</sup> will be the deadline to inform Graduate Students of their financial decisions about TA contracts. Ben Ware sent a memo out to all Deans about this topic.
  2. New fees coming from the Graduate School. If a student is here for more than 7 yrs and have not finished Masters or reached ABD status he/she will be pass the limit of being a student. If a student exceeds this time frame, he/she will be required to take a 1 credit course mandated by the school.
    - This has been implemented. 160 students will fall into this status next year. An email notification will be sent to students who will be reaching the limit.

- The Graduate School would like to have a standardized fee campus wide and is in discussion. Till then it will be based by department. Resolution moved- seconded-discussion continued-call to vote-vote- motion carries
- 3. Open forums are going to be held on campus as well as at the Inn Complete to help students understand the fees, fee increases, and what the GSO actually does for them. This will hopefully help give the GSO more structure and aid in locking in what the GSO has been working on for the past few years.

Finance committee-

- a. Pat Dawes reports the following:

Recommendations from the finance committee:

- i. Chi sigma Iota-Sexuality and Counseling- \$1,300 will go to fund them- passed
- ii. APDA- Public Diplomacy Symposium- No funding- motion to amend-seconded-discussion to look at financial amendments from original proposal-motion to amend funding for \$543 from \$600-motion to stop debate-vote-(15-10) not passed-motion to call the question-23 passed- vote on removing \$600 from original cost- not passed-call to question- Vote on \$1,143 from special events to fund this program- motion passed
- iii. Turkish Student Association- Friendship Dinner- No Funding-motion to start discussion-move to call question-vote on finance committee recommendation-passed
- iv. Turkish Student Association- Impact of Race and Identity on Educational Achievement- Fund in full for \$80.66- motion to accept financial committee recommendation-vote-passed

Remarks for the Record:

- 1. Open forum for GSO fee Rate Increase on Wednesday Nov. 6 at 5:30 pm in Watson Theatre. Presentation about what the GSO does. Q&A session along with it. Prior questions will be taken from students.

Announcements:

- 1. Grad Research Symposium- need volunteers for advisory committee- Meet 10/3/2013 at 3 pm

Next Meeting Oct. 30

Adjourned @ 7:19