

GSO Senate Third Business Meeting
October 30, 2013
Began at 5:33pm

Review of Robert's Rule

Accepted sign in sheet as roll call

No changes to last meeting minutes

Motion to move to election of University Senator:

1. Election
 - Joonsik Yoon- Elected
 - Sara Swenson

Executive Reports:

- a. Patrick Neary reports the following issues:
 1. Recently had a meeting discussing the current minimum wage of TA's which is set at \$12,155 for a 12 month contract
 - TA's with a 10 month contract receive half of the mentioned amount
 - There has been an agreement to incrementally increase pay to a possible \$19,350 though this is not absolute
 - Patrick is going to be working with Gwen to figure out more approximate living costs for TA's to better determine their salary
 - The minimum salary is set by the Graduate School, but a department is not required to stick to these policies, meaning they can call the position something other than TA and can pay what they feel is appropriate
 - The committee is looking to have a consistent amount across the board for each department; hopefully this will be done with the incremental increases
 2. Open Forum:
 - Wednesday Nov. 6 at 5:30pm in Link 105
 - Will be discussing the student fee increase, and explaining what the GSO does, as well as what the student fee goes towards
 - There will also be a Q&A session
 3. Volunteers for Meetings:
 - Child care issues board
 4. Undergraduates for Better Education:
 - Undergraduates have conducted a survey about TA teaching
 - The survey showed that ultimately students are satisfied with TA teaching
 - Potential panel may be created with undergraduate students and TA's consisting of 6-7 graduate student and 6-7 undergraduate students to discuss how being a TA

works, and what is involved. This would be a good way to make student more aware.

Comptroller's Report:

- a. Pat Dawes reported the following:
 1. Looking at services providers to do some cost benefit analysis, finance board is working on this currently
 2. A change to the fiscal policy will enforce a 5pm deadline the Monday before each finance committee meeting for Special Programming fund requests
 3. Looking at changes in fiscal policy
 - What the GSO fiscal priorities will be from here
 - Possible enforcement of budgets. This will make organizations stick to their proposed annual budgets and if a change is necessary the organization will be required to appeal to the finance committee
 4. (2) special programming applications
 - AGSO- Finance Committee has encouraged AGSO to re-look over their application for a full review to take place
 - WIT- This event is going to be more social in nature around finals time. It is similar to programming GSO provides during finals time, so the Finance Committee rejected funding this application due to the lack of academic/ professional aspects- passed

New Business:

1. Constitutional amendment
 - This amendment will make it so if a senator misses 2 consecutive Business meetings, they will be removed from the position and their seat will be open for the following meeting to vote on a replacement
 - For a University Senator: missing 2 consecutive Business meetings or 2 consecutive University senate meetings will lead to being removed
 - This matter will be discussed in more detail at the next Business Meeting
2. Create a Committee for University Symposium
 - Glen Wright organizing a campus wide Graduate Symposium
 - Glen would like to know what we would like to see out of the symposium, he would like input from as many different graduate programs as to what they would like to see

Remarks for the Record:

1. Any concerns with parking contact newatson@syr.edu; she will be going to the Parking Committee meeting in Nov.
2. Math Department goes to INN Complete, and have invited the GSO to join them
3. Film about Witches in South Ghana this Monday, on Tuesday the writer will be giving a speech
4. Public Diplomacy Symposium all day Friday in Maxwell

Adjourned @ 6:38