

GSO Fourth Business Meeting
Nov 20, 2013
Began 5:41pm

Accepted sign in sheet as roll call

No changes to last meeting minutes

Executive Reports:

- a. Patrick Neary reports the following:
 1. The Living Wage Progress: Pat is working with Gwen Judge still about obtaining proper numbers, will be meeting with current provost and intermediate chancellor to discuss topics pertaining to TA wages.
 2. Open Forum- 5 people showed up, was better than in the past, but not great. Went over GSO operations and had a conversation about child care, tennis, benefits accessed to students, as well as how we decide what gets funded and what doesn't. We do not have plans for any other forums currently for the academic year.
 3. NAGPS- Peta and Patrick went to Michigan for this conference. NAGPS is made of 78 members who are all part GSO's.
 - a. The idea of NAGPS is to bring together student body leaders to discuss what everyone is doing and get new ideas, and also discuss "laws" pertaining to graduate students ex: loans, TA wages. NAGPS would like to push for more direct student benefits (ex. Airfare discounts)
 - b. Patrick was elected to The Board of Directors.
- Patrick will be meeting with the dean of the library about study space
- Student trustee representatives will be attending the annual trustees meeting soon

Comptroller Reports:

- a. Pat Dawes reports the following:
 1. Finance committee has recommended changes to the fiscal policy which will go into effect next round of budgeting; the end of this academic year.
 - a. Changes state that student orgs will have to use their budget as given at the beginning of the year. They can submit an application to appeal their budget for any changes they may want, and then meet with the finance committee to discuss. Social events need to happen around campus to make graduate student attendance more prevalent (coffee after talks would be considered part of an educational event). Can contact Pat at GSOcomptroller@syr.edu for any questions or concerns. *See attached*
 2. Programming Applications
 - a. Special Programming-Formerly discussed application- Anthropology Graduate Student Orgs has requested \$491.60 for a speaker. Finance Committee agreed to fund. Motion to pass-No opposition-**Passed**
 - b. Start Up Funding- Syracuse Council on Family Relations- Finance committee recommends to fund \$632.75-This covers multiple events(holiday event,

workshop in spring, community fundraising event, end of year event)-Motion to pass- debate-no opposition-**Passed**

3. Travel Grant Committee Report

a. Peta- Co-chair of committee reports the following:

1. First meeting was in September, currently the committee is using the rubric created last year. A Breakdown of scores to money was created to help aid in allocation process. *See attached*

Move to Elect New University Senator

- Henry Coslick- Elected

Old Business:

1. Resolution to Amend the GSO Constitution

a. Adds a news section to article 4 pertaining to senators- *See previously distributed document*

- b. This is being put in place due to our actual numbers being skewed when people are on our list and our not showing up to meetings. This situation hinders proper voting on important matters of the GSO-motion to move debate no longer than 15 min- seconded

Move to amend language:

Addition: If a Senator-at-large, who is assigned to GSO committee, fails to attend two consecutive meeting they will be released from their position- **Not Passed**

- Motion to call the question- non opposed- 32 yes- 1 no-**Passed**

New Business:

1. Patrick Neary Moves to adopt Resolution 14.05 which formerly requests that the finance committee discusses and creates a fee increase *recommendation* to report to the senate no later than March 26th 2014 senate meeting-**Passed**

2. Patrick Neary moves to adopt resolution 14.06 which charges the finance committee with officially performing a review of the Grant Program and Grant Committee process for this current year to see if the budget is properly being accounted for since it has not been done recently, and also to have both committees communicate with each other.

a. Move to have a deadline for grant review. Motion for the last meeting March 26th, 2014. A special meeting will be called of Grant Committee chairs and Finance Committee, so we have representation of both groups.

- b. Motion to remove- “Whereas, the Grant website states that “grants are awarded on the basis of merit and need, yet need is not explicitly used in the process of awarding grants.” Call to question- in favor of ending debate- debate ended- move to remove section **Not Passed**-call to question to vote on entire resolution- debate is ended- resolution **Passed**

Remarks for the Record:

1. Nicole Watson went to parking services committee meeting. The Following issues were brought up:

- Parking service regulations on website are confusing when figuring out hours of parking without a parking permit.

- Trying to assess student need for weekend shuttle service to and from campus
 - Contact newatson@syr.edu with any concerns
2. Consider having University Senators make a report in the future
 3. Syracuse University is trying to become a Smoke free campus- Virginia has been in contact with an individual about this. If interested in working with her on the matter contact her at vcearly@syr.edu

Announcements:

1. Dec 5th from 2pm-4pm; Coffee and Donuts study break on the quad
2. Dec 6th @ 8:30pm-10pm Wine tasting at the Inn Complete

Motion to adjourn

Adjourned 6:55pm

Attachments:

Pat Dawes

"Student organizations will be required to spend GSO allocated funds in the manner outlined in their annual budget submissions. Organizations will be provided with a final approved budget (a list of events and funds approved by the GSO Finance Committee and GSO Senate) at the conclusion of the budgeting process. Organizations will only be given pre-approval for events and expenditures listed in the approved budget. If an organization would like to change how its annual budget funds are allocated, it may apply to the GSO Finance Committee to modify its approved annual budget. The GSO Comptroller may also approve such changes if the Finance Committee cannot meet in a timely fashion."

"GSO funds awarded to organizations are primarily intended to facilitate the academic or professional growth of graduate students. Funds intended for social purposes cannot encompass more than the higher of 1/4 of an organization's total annual budget (plus departmental allocation when applicable) or \$300 (plus departmental allocation when applicable). In addition events with a social purpose must take place on University Property or within Onondaga County."

Peta- Grant Committee

First, I want to apologize for the none-submission of reports following the Grants Committee. I became aware of the reporting process recently, and as such, the following report of figures will reflect this semester's applications. Officially we first meet as a committee in September. This was our first time reviewing applications, and did the process collectively to standardize our

evaluation process. We adopted the RUBRIC compiled by the committee from last year. This Rubric for the evaluation process is made available to applicants on the website. Currently we operate on a comparative scoring process.

Additionally we have adopted a standard score-funding strategy that informs how much funds are awarded to students, based on the collective score. This semester we had 3 deadlines for Travel Grant Applications and 1 deadline for Research Grants. As such we have 3 cohorts of Travel Grant Applicants and 1 cohort of Research Grant Applicants.

- In September, we received 4 Travel Grants, and of those 100% received funding amounting to \$925.
- In October, we received 28 Travel Grants, and of those 75 % received funding amounting to \$4,800.
- In November, we received 22 Travel Grants, and of those 64% received funding amounting to \$3,175.

Overall, the total number of Travel Grants Applications received for Fall 2013 were 54. 72% of applicants were awarded grants amounting to a total of \$8,900.

- In October we received 3 Research Grants, and of those 2 received funding amounting to \$724.83. One was denied.

Travel Grant Fall Report Numbers:

Total number of applications received: 54
 Total travel grants awarded: 39 (72%)
 Total applications rejected: 15 (28%)
 Total Amount of money awarded for Travel: \$8,900
 Average Award: \$228.21 (per individual)

Breakdowns by month for Travel Grant Application:

Month	Applications	Award	Percent Awarded
September	4	4	100%
October	28	21	75%
November	22	14	64%
Totals	54	39	72%

Scores	\$
35	300
34	300
33	300
32	300
31	275
30	275
29	250
28	250
27	225
26	225
25	200
24	200
23	150
22	150