

GSO 7th Senate Business Meeting  
3/26/14  
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- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call- sign in sheet
- III. Minutes accepted from last meeting

**IV. Executive Reports**

A. President Report (Patrick Neary)

a. Parking and Transit Resolution

- Met with Al about the Knob Hill and James Street bus routes. There was talk about getting more, but Al expressed to Pat that if students are looking to have busses run earlier rather than later something could be worked out as opposed to adding lines. Pat will also be working with an undergrad student on this.

- Full busses passing by issue - the 44 line is service for the Manley parking lot while lines 344, 244, and 144 are for South Campus only. They will pick up when space is available, so they are allowed to pass by.

- Al said the 44 lines are not over flowing and run every 10 mins. Stance is really quite inflexible.

- If this a change the GSO feels strongly about and fighting for we need to turn it into a GSO issue which will require a lot of outside work.

b. TA/IA Contracts

- Graduate School Dean will issue a recommendation that departments send contracts by May 31st. Contact Patrick with any concerns at GSO@syr.edu.

- If your pay or someone you know is having their pay cut when under a 4 year contract, contact Patrick Neary, GSO@syr.edu

c. NAGPS Conference

- Peta and Patrick went to this. Went really well. Exchanged what other Grad orgs were doing. Got some data about grant programs, e-board running's, etc.

d. Election for Board Seats

- Will be next meeting April 23<sup>rd</sup>

- President and Comptroller will be the only positions not being

elected at this time.

## V. New Business

- a. Election of 2 at Large Senators
  1. Thomas E. Tolley- Approved
  2. James J. Heffers- Approved

### B. Comptrollers Reports (Pat Dawes)

- a. Special Programming
  - Psychology Action Committee- Recommended Funding at \$372- Passed
  - Newhouse Masters Association- Recommend not to fund- Motion made to make a recommendation of receiving \$500- discussion-Call to question- Motion fails-Move to call the question- accepting financial recommendation- motion passed.

## VI. **Standing Committee and Liaison Reports**

- a. Travel/ Research Grants
  - \$22,575- in awards granted for the year thus far
  - 48% of applications have been approved

## VII. **Recommended Changes to Grant Policy**

- a. Documents have been sent- discussion about certain aspects occurred
- b. Proposal of changing language in section (ii. 3)- will occur for research as well- discussion- call to question- motion passed- proposal of amending that Master and PhD students receive a certain number of awards each academic year- call to question- motion failed- discussion continued- move to vote on amendment- motion failed- accepting the grant policy as is- passed

## VIII. **Resolution to Approve Fiscal Policy presented by Comptroller**

- A. Fiscal policy is in effect from the beginning of the school year till the end of the school year (graduation)
- B. Biggest change is that all orgs will be required to abide by their decided budgets. No objections to accepting the finance resolution as is- motion passed

## IX. **Resolution 14.10**

- Motion to adopt resolution 14.10 (sent out prior) - motion to vote on accepting resolution- passed

## **X. New Business**

a. Motion to Rescind- Previous motion to limit students to 1 total grant per fiscal year- motion that we table this discussion and discuss on April 23rd at special meeting, after grant committee discusses more on the topic-seconded- vote on motion- passed

Senate would like to know the following pertaining to Research Grants: Give hard copies of numbers to senate answering these questions

- Budget impact of Research Grant
- How many apply each year to both
- Usage impact numbers
- How is the quality of research measured?
- How does the committee plan on not running out of funds?
- Would someone be prioritized to receive a grant over if they haven't received one before?

## **XI. Announcements**

- Sarah will be running for comptroller
- Does anyone know the policy of hiring new faculty in your department concerning the involvement of graduate students- send any info to [gsofinsec@syr.edu](mailto:gsofinsec@syr.edu)
- Yay! GSO Conference

Adjourned 7:16 PM