

# Minutes

## GSO Business Meeting

January 21, 2015

Eggers 010

5:30 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Confirmation of Minutes
  - a. Minutes have been confirmed
- IV. Executive Reports
  - a. President's Report
    - i. Fast Forward is moving along
      1. There was a question about the number of graduate students that are working with the Fast Forward program
    - ii. Tuition Budget Group
      1. There have been meeting about the tuition and budget, that Patrick and others have been attending
      2. A lot of talks about the increase in tuition
      3. There is an effort to get the graduate students involved
      4. There will be a meeting February
      5. There have been works on increasing TA and GA pay, and the talks have been productive
        - a. Patrick is meeting with the School trustees
    - iii. Electronic Policies
      1. There have been talks on what school computers can be used to do, particularly as it relates to cyberbullying
    - iv. Resolution 15.08
      1. The university has committed to hiring an ADA professional in the future
    - v. Resolution 15.14
      1. Chancellor has responded to his teams treatment of the General Body protesters
      2. The response from the chancellor was sent to the university senators last week
    - vi. Library Dean Search
      1. Amy will be taking part in the process of hiring the new library dean
      2. Meeting will be held in the library in regards to the future of Byrd Library
  - b. Comptroller's Report
    - i. Recommendations of the Finance Committee
      1. SATSA – Fund for \$5000
        - a. Funding for the conference this year and February

- b. Finance Committee recommended to fund in full
        - c. All in favor, with two abstentions
      - c. Internal Vice President's Report
        - i. Workgroup report
          - 1. Sam met with the health office about the financial obligation of students
          - 2. There have been several recommendations enacted this week in regards to health services
          - 3. Sam state the chancellor responded positively in the talks
          - 4. Questions about the timeline appointment of psychiatrist being provided
            - a. No official timeline has been given in the hiring of mental health staff
- V. New Business
  - a. No new business from the floor
  - b. Elections for University Senators – 4 Positions
    - i. There are new seats open for the university senators
    - ii. The US meets once a month, made up of faculty, students, and staff
      - 1. Meetings last usually for one hour
      - 2. This senate meets about universal university issues
      - 3. Senator sit on University committees that reflect student interests
    - iii. Nominations are
      - 1. Vicky Wang
        - a. Grad student in Earth Sciences; not a senator, would like to be elected because she is interested in the Senatorial process and
      - 2. Evan Andrews
        - a. PHD in Social Sciences, was a senator last year, and would like to participate this year
      - 3. Brian Tackett
        - a. Grad student in the Philosophy department; would like to further his platform
      - 4. Barakat Adeyemi
        - a. First year graduate student; participated in university government group in undergrad
    - iv. We will vote on all of these candidates simultaneously
    - v. All in favor of the senate nominations; All four candidates will be elected senators
- VI. Remarks for the Record
  - a. Next Meeting is on February 18<sup>th</sup>, Eggers 010
  - b. Sam attended to NCGPS meeting in Texas, and would like input from the Senate about any issues that they are concerned about that effects graduate students nationally
  - c. Patrick has been talking about bringing in budget staff to a GSO senate meeting
    - i. Patrick will be taking question about GSO concerns about the university budget (please email Patrick)
    - ii. April 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Budget and Elections meeting
      - 1. The meeting will be long
      - 2. There are talks in splitting the meeting to save time
- VII. Announcements

- a. Graduate Student Research symposium is taking posters
    - i. Please submit the proposals by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - ii. The symposium will take place on March 20-21<sup>st</sup> in the Life Science complex
  - b. Please go to [gradresearch.syr.edu](http://gradresearch.syr.edu) for more information
  - c. More information will be available in email
- VIII. Adjournment
- a. Motion to adjourn
  - b. Adjourned