

## **GSO First Organizational Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by the Internal Vice President at 5:35. He requested that Peta Long would take minutes.

Patrick Neary took Roll Call, due to a resolution last year that required a representative from each individual academic plan, the new roll call system was put in place. Programs in attendance:

- Art History
- Bio Engineering
- Business Administration
- Civil Engineering
- Clinical Psychology
- CCR
- Comp. Engineering
- Disability Studies
- Earth Science
- Economics
- Eng. Management
- Engineering
- Exercises Science
- History
- Info Security Management
- Marriage and Family Therapy
- Mathematics
- Mathematics Education
- Religion
- Sociology
- Social Science
- Library Info Science
- Peta Long
- Omar
- Joonsik Yoon
- ESF Senate Representative.

### **Executive Reports**

#### Presidents Report

- Summary of Summer Work
  - First provided a summary of the GSO, talked about past projects including: making TA's eligible to work outside departments, health care benefits, fighting library relocation, obtaining a childcare stipend

- that will begin this January, working on a unified maternity leave policy, getting security locks installed on doors, a increase in TA pay.
- Fast Forward Syracuse – This is a three-tier project, an operational excellence group, a strategic planning group, and a campus master plan. The GSO made sure that graduate students were placed on these groups to represent the graduate student voice.
  - Closure of the Advocacy Center – The GSO worked with students to ask questions about the closure of this center and work with the administration.
  - Fall Picnic – There were approximately 780 people in attendance, thanks to Tiel and Peta.
  - GSO Info Packet – Engaged approximately 1200 students in the 1-week of orientation, thanks to the group of 7/8 people that made that happen.
  - Mentioned a resolution about restructuring, which will be recommended at this meeting. Broadens the interests of the committees and the president hopes that this will cause more engagement with the administrators re: student’s concerns.
  - No Questions.

#### Outreach Report

- Goals this year
  - Expanding outreach to build connections to constituents and representation.
  - Encourage attendees to like the GSO facebook and twitter.
  - Will be doing lice tweets
- Thanks to Peta Long for work done during the semesters
- Fall Schedule
  - Beer Tastings (Wine Tastings in the spring)
  - Beak and Skiff
  - Sep 19 – Beer Tasting
  - Oct 5 – Octoberfest
  - Oct 24 - Pumpkin Carving for families.
  - Nov 8 – Tailgate for Duke
- Goal this year for Outreach Committee
  - Connect with Community
  - Get the word out for events
- If your program is having an event let her know.
  - The INSOMNIA Program is looking for people to participate.
  - Student council on Family Relations is having a forum at 426 Ostrom at 3 pm.

#### Comptroller Report

- Budget Illustration – amount budgeted vs. amount actually spent.

- Working on getting the rollover number.
- Final Budget Illustration – Final Budget available at website.

## Internal VP Report

- Summary of rules and guide to meetings
  - Guide to Parliamentary Procedure
  - Using Robert's Rules of Order.
  - Note – Can't debate without a motion
  - Won't call on the same person twice until everyone has spoken unless needed for clarification
  - If you don't know how to make a motion he can help.
  - Always speak to the Chair in the Senate, don't speak to other members.
  - Secondary Motions- Amend, refer, postpone, limit debate, move/call the questions
- Question: Who wins the debate?
  - Answer: voting happens in two ways, usually voice vote, the debate is decided by the result of the vote.

## Elections

- Patrick Neary gave an overview of the position of secretary. They sit on the E-board and are a paid position.
- Sarah Ledford gave an overview of the Financial Secretary – it's a great position to learn about University financing, est. 5 hours a week.
- Eligibility requirements were clarified, you can't be an International Student and work two positions.
- Nominations – Jose Muller, Adam Zhang(Rescinded).
- Jose Muller is elected.
- Recording Secretary overview was given – takes minutes, deals with Grant Program.
- Nominations – Danny Friedman
- Danny Friedman is elected.
- University Senator Overview is given – 12 senators that go to the University Senate to advice the chancellor, the time commitment is once a month meetings of University Senate and GSO along with a University Senate committee, approximately 5-8 hour commitment a month.
- Nominations – Sid Bahl (Elected in Abstentia), Bryan Dosono, Lei Wei, Can Aslan, Sharon Lee. The slate was elected by voice vote.
- At Large Senator overview was given.
- Nominations – Mouhamed Sourang, Krishna Karthik Shivaram, Rajesh Kumar, Ayush Khemka, Thomas Tolley.
- Ballot election elected Mouhamed, Krishna, Rajesh, Ayush.

## New Business

- Motion: Adopt Resolution 15.01 (On the Advocacy Center) – Secoded by Peta Long
  - Summary of the issue
  - Note that to prevent speaking without grad student support, no major statements have been made.
  - There has been a lot of student outcry on the matter.
  - Question: What were the reasons for the resolution?
  - Question: What are the major issues with the current model.
  - Motion: More the question (Made and Secoded)
  - Voice Vote – Aye’s have it. Joonsik Yoon Abstained.
- Motion: Adopt Resolution 15.02 (Restructuring Committees)
  - Motion: Limit Debate to 5 minutes (Passed)
  - Question: Would this lead to more ad hoc committees?
    - Answer: No.
  - Question: Can we have a summary of what committees are mapped onto new committees.
    - Answer: Family Concerns goes to Student Life, Library goes to Academic Resources and Affairs, Agenda Committee is folded, Liaisons are rolled into committees.
  - Motion: Postpone until next meeting (Secoded)
    - Response – This would limit our ability to fill committees, this was a result of a senate request.
    - Motion is withdrawn.
  - Move to a vote – Ayr’s have it.

## Elections to Grant and Finance Committee

- Finance Committee (Confirmed by voice vote):
  - Joonsik Yoon
  - Ayush Khemka
  - Anand Natarajan
- Grant Committee (Confirmed by Voice Vote)
  - Aaron Blasyak
  - Priscilla Almendariz
  - Peta Long
  - Dai Newman
  - Wes Lefferts
  - Rajesh Kumar

Resolution 15.03 is withdrawn  
The next meeting will be Sep 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Meeting is Adjourned.