

Minutes

GSO Organizational Meeting

September 9, 2015

Life Sciences 105

5:30 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. 31 Senators present
- III. Executive Reports
 - a. President's Report
 - i. Introductions
 - ii. Academic Strategic Plan
 1. Oversight committee
 - a. The university has come up with a plan and will be implementing that plan
 - b. Committee is looking for nominations to join the committee
 - c. Students can nominate themselves or someone else
 - d. There will be 6 main themes over the course of the academic year
 - e. Anyone interested can contact the GSO for more info
 - iii. Health Insurance Requirement
 1. There is a recap in the president's report on the GSO website
 2. University leadership requires all students have health insurance by Fall 2016
 3. The implementation of that went into effect this year
 - a. All new students will be enrolled in the Health Care plan sponsored by AETNA
 4. The cost is 1890/for new student/2700 for voluntary enrollment
 5. Can and former GSO President Patrick Neary have served on the Health insurance committees
 6. GA/RA/TA's were to be removed from the employee healthcare plan, but that has not happened
 7. The university will be working with the committee to come up with a plan
 8. There has been concern by International students about the insurance plan
 - a. All concerns have been communicated to the Health care board
 - b. If there are any other concerns, contact the GSO so that those concerns can be communicated
 9. Another committee is being formed to represent the interests of GA/TA/RA's

10. There are many committees dedicated to this issue
- iv. Syracuse Welcome Shuttle Service
 1. The GSO teamed with travel management to provide income students with transportation from the airport to the university, and various living quarters outside of the university
 2. 11 grad students were hired to drive the vans
 3. 350 students used this service
 4. Feedback from the drivers and students have been great
 5. \$4000 was the cost of this service
- v. Student Affairs Advisory Board
 1. Group of 20 students working with senior vice president and dean of student affairs representing student to the Division of student affairs
 2. The group is looking for 4 or 5 students to represent the student body
- vi. Officer Elections
 1. The elections were held in April of 2015, there are 2 vacant board positions
 2. University senators are going to be elected
- b. External Vice President's Report
 - i. Outreach Report
 1. Orientations
 - a. Going to several orientations to introduce the GSO
 2. Survey
 - a. Over 100 people filled out the survey with potential changes
 3. Picnic
 - a. Good feedback and suggestions for the picnic
 - b. About 800 students attended
 4. Wine Tasting
 - a. Sept. 18th from 8:30-10pm at the Inn Complete
 - c. Internal Vice President's Report
 - i. Explanations of senators
 1. Department representative; representing the students in the department, they have to serve on the committee, and come to meetings
 - a. Will be kicked off if not present at more than 2 meetings
 - b. \$1 for each student
 2. University Senators
 - a. Advise the chancellor and administrators
 - b. There will be 6 of them
 - c. Required to serve on the university senate with faculty
 - d. University senate meetings are on Wednesdays at 4pm
 - e. They cannot be absent for more than 2 meetings or they will be relinquish that role
 3. At-Large Senators
 - a. There are 3 of them
 - b. They represent the entire student body
 - c. They have the same responsibilities of department senators; though not linked to a department formally
 - ii. Committees and Chairs

1. Academic resources and affairs
 - a. Discussing library privileges, etc.
 2. Career Services
 - a. More information included in President's report; located on the GSO website
 3. Finance
 - a. They work with financing, travel grants, and department fiscal request
 4. Graduate Employment
 - a. Concerned with GA/TA/RA employment issues
 5. Grant committee
 - a. Deals with travel grants, and other grants
 6. Outreach
 - a. Get the word out about the issues that GSO are advocating for
 - b. They work with hosting events
 7. Student Life
 - a. Handle anything not handled by other committees; bus services, etc., student legal services,
 - b. They have representatives
 - iii. Robert's Rules and Conduct
 1. Meeting Rules
 - a. Meetings held in 3 phases
 - i. Report (officers)
 - ii. Old Business; old business from previous meetings
 - iii. New business
 1. Things that people want to bring up
 2. Motions
 - a. State that "I move to..." to introduce you idea
 - b. That motion has to be seconded
 - c. Then the chair has to accept that
 - d. Then the debate starts
 - e. IVP handles the debate
 - f. Anyone can raise their hand to give their input
 - g. Everyone will have the opportunity to speak
 - h. When motions are on the floor, they can be amended
 - i. That amendment has to be seconded
 - ii. There can only be 2 amendments
 - i. You can limit debate and end debate (Call to question)
 - j. There will be a vote to do either
 - k. If there are any questions, Sam will take them in terms of what to do
 - l. Address concerns only to The Internal VP, because the debates can become contested
 - m. The only people that can vote are representatives
- IV. Elections
 - a. Confirmation Vote for Sam Sallade as External Vice President
 - i. Motion to confirm Sam Sallade; seconded

- ii. Patrick Neary explains that there was no one who ran for this position at the last meeting, and the Board filled this appointment, and it needs to be confirmed by the senate
 - iii. Vote
 - 1. Sam Sallade Confirmed unanimously
- b. Financial Secretary
 - i. Keeps record of financial request, and assist the comptroller with reports
 - ii. Serves as vice chair of the Finance committee
 - iii. Processes payments, etc.
 - iv. This is a paid position, \$4000/academic year, from Sept-May, the position is 10 hours/week
 - v. This position can be self nominated
 - vi. Nominations are opened
 - 1. Rahul Goval (2 votes)
 - 2. Dimple Dhanani (19 votes)
 - 3. Souradeep Sinha (7 votes)
 - 4. Rozario Richard (3 votes)
 - 5. Nirbhay Singh (6 votes)
 - vii. Move that all comments are one minute
 - 1. Vote for no questions and to begin voting
 - a. 28 for, 1 opposed
 - 2. Comments by the nominees
 - 3. Proceed to a vote; closed ballot
 - a. Dimple Dhanani is the newly elected Finance Secretary
- c. Recording Secretary
 - i. Record the minutes, and distribute, receive election results, maintain who's at senate meetings, publish the current senators, work with VP
 - ii. Nominations are opened
 - 1. Jasmine Vickers (18 votes)
 - 2. Aditya Krishnan (2 Votes)
 - 3. Chengvao Wang (4 votes)
 - 4. Anju Franklin (8 votes)
 - iii. Motion; for one minute comments
 - 1. Motion granted
 - iv. Comments by nominees
 - v. Voting; closed ballot
 - 1. Jasmine Vickers is re-elected as Recording Secretary
- d. University Senators (5)
 - i. Meet on Wednesdays at 4pm in Maxwell
 - ii. Nominees
 - 1. Yanira Rodriguez (proxy spoke on her behalf) (26 votes)
 - 2. Rahul Goval (8 votes)
 - 3. Aditya Joshi (20 votes)
 - 4. Nishtha Goel (19 votes)
 - 5. Ruchi Ghatge (17 votes)
 - 6. Anju Franklin (22 votes)
 - 7. Manjunath Babu (15 votes)
 - iii. Move to vote; up to 5 names; closed ballot

- iv. Nominees comment for one minute
 - v. Yanira Rodriguez, Adhiva Joshi, Nishita Goelv, Ruchi Chategev, and Anju Franklin are the newly elected University Senators
 - e. At-Large Senators (3)
 - i. Can come from any department; represent the student body
 - ii. Nominees
 - 1. Peta Long (24 votes)
 - 2. Nithin K (3 votes)
 - 3. Aditi Gaikwad (7 votes)
 - 4. Vabhay Karani (3 votes)
 - 5. Rahul Goyal (8 votes)
 - 6. Saurabk Gupta (6 votes)
 - 7. Priyasha Mathur (9 votes)
 - 8. Manjunath Rabu (7 votes)
 - 9. Nirbhay Singh (6 votes)
 - iii. Comments by the nominees
 - iv. Vote; up to 3 names; closed ballot
 - 1. Peta Long, Rahul Goyal, and Priyasha Mathur are the newly elected At-Large Senators
- V. Old Business
 - a. Report from the Ad-Hoc Committee on Unionization
- VI. New Business
 - a. Resolution 16.01 – A Resolution to Commend the Success of the Airport Shuttle Pilot Program and Make Recommendations on Future Year Operations
 - b. Resolution 16.02 – A Resolution Concerning GSO Funding of the Slutzker Center for International Students, Relating to Resolution 15.20 (The Annual Budget)
 - c. Postponed resolutions to next meeting
 - d. NAGPS
 - i. Organization advocates for graduate and professional students nationally
 - ii. They communicate with US Senators and university administrations on Graduate student issues
 - iii. Legislative Action Day (Sept. 24th)
 - 1. Grad students go to DC and set up meetings with US representatives, and discuss new legislation
 - 2. See Sam Leitermann and Peta Long if interested, looking for 2 more people
- VII. Remarks for the Record
 - a. Congratulations on the Success of the Fall Picnic
- VIII. Announcements
 - a. Dan Moseson
 - i. Dan's been working with Dir. Of Graduate Careers putting together a group of graduate students
 - ii. Working in non academic route after graduation
 - iii. Next Thursday meeting at Faegans @ 6pm
 - iv. There will be emails sent out later
 - b. Next Meeting – September 30, 2015
 - i. Subsequent meetings: Oct 21st, Nov 11th, Dec 9th

- c. Submit Committee Interest Forms
 - d. Talk to Sam about Diversity committee
 - e. English Dept. is having an event next Friday at 1:30 pm; digital humanities
 - i. Emails will be sent out later this week
- IX. Adjournment