

# Minutes

## GSO Organizational Meeting

September 30, 2015

Life Sciences 105

5:30 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Voting senators-30 present
  - b. Voting procedures
    - i. Roberts rules of order
      1. Make motions to bring new business
      2. Only people with voting cards, representing their department, can vote
- III. Executive Reports
  - a. President's Report
    - i. Food services
      1. There are new policies in place-we must order from Catering Services
        - a. All university affiliated groups must purchase food from the university approved vendors-or organizations will not be reimbursed
      2. This has created reimbursement challenges
      3. This policy has been around for over 20 years; now it is being enforced
      4. We have reached out to the university about the catering services, and all organizations will be reimbursed for pre-enforcement purchases
    - ii. Travel Policy
      1. Travel arrangements must be made through travel agency called Concur-started Sept. 1st
      2. People are having trouble with this new agency-students are complaining that the prices are higher when buying from this service
      3. Can has reached out to university administrators about this new policy
    - iii. ASPIOC Working Groups
      1. Strategic plan working groups-there were a great deal of nominations
      2. They are finalizing the groups, and will announce soon
    - iv. Committee soon to convene
      1. There are 3 committees that will be convening soon
        - a. New Health Care Committee
          - i. Working on the health plan for GA/RA/TA being kicked off the faculty health plan
          - ii. The committee is looking for volunteers
        - b. Tabaco Advisory Committee
          - i. New tobacco policy went into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>-



- e. To arrive at this figure the group used past funding-looking at prices of flights, and other things
- f. There have been other attempts at funding this conference
- g. GSO has supported them in the past
- h. Over 75 people attended last year; 50 were grad students
- i. The conference is tentatively schedule for the 1sr weekend in March
- j. Students are able to network with experts in this field
- k. The group needs this money to plan for the speakers
- l. Many of he speakers write for the journal that is published for this group
- m. There is a motion to inly fund for \$2000; seconded
  - i. Open for debate
    - 1. This is a well run conference-it has a nationwide reputation
    - 2. There is concern that those who are anti-military won't be able to speak up on it
      - a. There are people who come in on both sides of this issue
    - 3. There will be new advertising measures to ensure that the event attracts more attendees
    - 4. The trend has been the same over the last few years- as far as attendance
  - ii. Motion to table this amendment; debate
    - 1. During the annual budget meeting there is no other conference that is more-well run than this one
    - 2. Why wasn't this brought up in the budget meeting?
      - a. Special programming funded this last year without running out of money
    - 3. Move to question
      - a. Vote; seconded
      - b. 35-unanimous
    - 4. Voting on whether to postpone till the next meeting
      - a. 16 for; 19 against-motion fails
    - 5. Calls to question; seconded
      - a. 29 for; 2 opposed-passes
    - 6. Amending he funding to
      - a. 7 for; 28 opposed-motion fails
      - b. Amendment off the table
    - 7. Call to question
      - a. 2 opposed-motion passes by voice
  - iii. Voting on finding
    - 1. 23 for; 11 opposed-motion passes

IV. Old Business

- a. Report from the Ad-Hoc Committee on Unionization

- i. Met over the summer-discussing how unionizing affects student
- ii. They have talked to other university student unions
- iii. We don't know what that union will look like as of yet

V. New Business

a. Senate Resolution 16.01: Commend the Success of the Airport Shuttle Pilot Program

- i. The pilot program was a success
- ii. This is a resolution to commend the success of this program despite start up issues
- iii. Seconded;
  - 1. The program was well received and cost effective for the students
  - 2. Recommending that the university continues the program- also not having students run this program creating a burden on them
  - 3. There was a question about how much the drivers' made-\$10/hr
    - a. The cost of this program was cheaper, and introduced the GSO to incoming students
  - 4. The university decided that the program couldn't go past 10pm for safety issues
  - 5. Move to vote
    - a. 33 for; 1opposed-passes

b. Senate Resolution 16.02: Concerning GSO Funding the Slutzker Center

- i. Motion; seconded
  - 1. This is a resolution for funding restructuring for the Slutzker center
  - 2. The GSO would like that the Dean will fund the programs through this center
  - 3. Last year the Center asked the Senate for \$5K for orientation and other events for incoming students-
  - 4. The senate approved this provided that we talk with the university about future funding with student fees
  - 5. This resolution is stating that the University put in writing that they will fund these programs and not take it from student fees
  - 6. Move to vote
    - a. 34 for; 2 abstentions-passes

c. Introduction of a Budget Change Resolution

- i. This is an introduction to the new plan
- ii. Presently, Student organizations present a budget to the finance committee, then it goes to the senate and is debated-this process is long
- iii. The new plan will change the budget process-
  - 1. Every group tied to a department will get a set amount
  - 2. Groups not tied to a department will get a certain amount
  - 3. These funds was determined by the finance committee
  - 4. These funds have to comply with finance regulations
  - 5. One concern from last year is that students will just make up groups-but the finance committee will got through these new groups to make sure that the funds are used properly
  - 6. Special programming funds will remain the same
  - 7. We will vote on this in the next meeting

VI. Announcements

- a. Karaoke Night @ Inn Complete 9-12pm – October 3, 2015

- i. There will be food and drinks
  - b. Next Senate Meeting – October 21, 2015
  - c. There is the message congress day-encouraging grad students to message state and Congress representative
    - i. On October 14<sup>th</sup>
  - d. National Call Congress Day- there will be scripts available to call congress and state representatives representing grad students
    - i. November 18<sup>th</sup>
  - e. On Oct 30-Nov 1st NAGPS National Conference in LA
    - i. Syracuse University would like to send representation to the conference
    - ii. If interested contact Peta Long
  - f. Split up into committees
- VII. Adjournment