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 1st-

- ii. We need students on the committee to represent student interests
- c. Division of Student affairs
 - i. Advising administrators on student life
 - ii. We are looking for students to sit on the committee
- d. These groups will be meeting soon
- v. University Senators
 - 1. We have all the university senators-if senators cannot join their committee please see Can
- b. External Vice President's Report
- c. Internal Vice President's Report
 - i. Sexual assault taskforce
 - 1. A task force to bring awareness of sexual assault
 - 2. If you are in a RSO, you must be trained in sexual assault and awareness if you are an officer
 - 3. Sam is meeting to figure out how to meet this requirement
 - 4. There is a recommendation for a retreat for the RSO officers
 - ii. Financing training
 - 1. There was a mix up with the training
 - 2. There was one on Monday; there will be one on Friday at Carnegie Hall 109 from 2:15-3:30pm
 - iii. Committees forming
 - 1. Committees are being formed-we will be meeting tonight and selecting a chair
 - 2. If you have signed up for more than one-please choose one
 - a. Academic
 - b. Finance
 - c. Graduate Employment
 - d. Grant
 - e. Outreach
 - f. Student Life
 - g. Diversity Committee
 - h. NAGPS committee
 - 3. At Large senators need to be on a committee
- d. Comptroller's Report
 - i. Recommendations for Finance Committee
 - 1. Fund BCC \$220-hilding a Reading series
 - 2. Finance committee recommends funding for tis group
 - 3. Open for Questions
 - 4. Open for Vote
 - a. 32-unanumous
 - 5. SATSA Annual Conference \$5500; a conference on national security-Emerging threat of Cyber attacks-there are 2 representatives
 - a. Attending their conference, need funding to cover in full-
 - b. Finance committee recommends funding in full
 - c. They are finalizing the speakers
 - d. All students are welcome to attend this conference

- 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
- 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
- I. 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 antimilitary won't be able to speak up on it
 - a. There are people who come in on both sides of this issue
 - 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
 - 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 14th
- d. National Call Congress Day- there will be scripts available to call congress and state representatives representing grad students
 - i. November 18th
- 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