

Minutes

GSO Regular Business Meeting

March 23, 2016

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5:30 pm

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Sam Leitermann, chair, calls the meeting to order at 5:30pm
- II. Roll Call
 - a. The following Senators were present: Priscilla Almendariz, Patrick Biermann, Kathleen Brousseau, Alexis Drickel, Jonathan Erickson, Ryan Falkenstein-Smith, Anju Franklin, John Gall, Andrew Garibaldi, Rahul Goyal, Adam Koulis, Rajesh Kumar, Margaret McLaughlin, Ashley O'Mara, Jessica Posega, Clara Schoonmaker, Joshua Stangle, James Stevens Jr, Matthew Stewart, Pedro Val, Eric Vandervort, and one ESF Senator from who I failed to get their name
 - b. The following officers were present: Can Aslan, Komal Dilshad, Samuel Leitermann, Jose Muller, and Patrick Neary
- III. Executive Reports
 - a. President
 - i. Climate Assessment Survey is ongoing, deadline extended
 - ii. Grad Employee Health Insurance group is forming, met twice so far
 - iii. All grad employees currently eligible for employee plans remains eligible for 2016-17, the insurance group must finish its work before any changes made
 - iv. Student health insurance moving to a platinum plan from a gold, with an approximately \$300 price increase – if SU had stuck with gold, we would have gone up \$150 anyway
 - v. Free speech policy forum had 15 turnout, April 15 deadline for report to Chancellor – us, SA, USen all talking about this report, to send recommendations to Chancellor
 - vi. Search for VP of Student Affairs is ongoing
 - vii. Student Organization Policy is underway – this would define how the student governments can use their money, going quite well, to our satisfaction
 - b. Comptroller
 - i. SPIC MAKAY - \$260 for spring event
 1. Motion to fund at \$260 passes unanimously
 - ii. SUPRA - \$900 for North Side Tour
 1. Motion to fund at \$900 passes
 - c. Outreach
 - i. Karaoke Night on April 9 or 10
 - ii. Spring Picnic on April 24 or 25
 - iii. Casino Night on May 7 or 8
 - d. Internal Vice President

- i. LADs – 4 went to DC to learn about advocating to lawmakers, and then went and talked to our NY Senators and Congresspeople – very successful!
 - ii. Call Congress Day – April 6 – we will set up conference room so you can come in, get scripts, call, etc – supports grad student interests at the federal legislative level
 - 1. Phone numbers will be provided both for NY representatives and a nationwide lookup
 - iii. NE Regional Conference – April 15-17 – great opportunity to meet other student leaders, learn about what we all do, we'll drive to Stony Brook, if you are interested, email Sam (gsinternalvp@syr.edu)
 - iv. Sexual assault training – ongoing, people have taken it, thank you! It is state law to take this, as student leaders
 - 1. Take Back the Night occurs next Wed 3/30 on the quad
 - 2. The week after will be It's On Us week, raising awareness
 - v. Diversity and Inclusion report came out, please read the recommendations!
 - vi. This is the last meeting before the Budget and Elections meeting! Please think about running and talk to the Officers if you are – April 13
 - e. Recording Secretary
 - i. Travel Grant audit completed, identified 25 irregularities and violations of the Grant Policy, these are not due to the grant committee at all
 - ii. The committee is currently reviewing apps, they are to be commended for their hard work
 - iii. Minutes for all past meetings presented, approved without corrections
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
 - a. No new business
- VI. Announcements
 - a. Next Meeting – Finance and Elections Meeting – April 13
- VII. Adjournment
 - a. Adjourned at 6:03pm