



**GSO Senate Regular Business Meeting Agenda**  
**October 19, 2016**  
**132 Lyman Hall**  
**5:30pm**

**I. Call to Order**

- a. Can Aslan called the meeting to order at 5.35 pm.

**II. Roll Call**

- a. 32 voting Senators were present from various departments for the initial roll call
- b. The following officers were present: Rajesh Kumar, Can Aslan, David Lemon, Peta Long, Gaven Ehrlich, Sakshi Sinha.
- c. Motion received from the floor and was passed by the majority voice to suspend rules and address Old Business first-the constitution. After which the normal agenda was resumed.

**III. Executive, Committee, and Leadership Reports**

**A. President's Report**

**i. Graduate Student Representatives on Search Committees**

- No student representatives were included in the search committee
- Chancellor acknowledged the importance of having a graduate student representative on the search committees.
- Necessary arrangements were made for a GSO representative to meet all the candidates of the CFO position.

**ii. Off-Campus Housing and Safety**

- Chancellor has tasked Peter Venable, Dean of Graduate School to work on the issues of off-campus housing and safety.
- GSO has found that Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services (OCCS) has plenty of information on housing location, lease agreements, landlords, etc.
- GSO wants administration should provide their availability
- GSO is working with the Office of Graduate School and Office of Graduate Enrollment to figure out the best possible options way to inform incoming graduate students on the off-campus housing and safety.
- GSO Student Life committee will look into this issue and come up with a solution.

**iii. Review of Career Services for Graduate Students**

- The review of Career Services for Graduate Students was delayed.
- GSO insisted to get a timeline on the review of career service for graduate students.

- Chancellor tasked the Dean of Graduate Student to consult with Provost and possibly form a working group to look into the issue
- Any update will be informed to the Senate.

**iv. Graduate Student Employee Benefits**

- Health Insurance of Graduate Student employees is still being discussed.
- Meeting on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> is to be held for further discussion
- Discussing for viable options and will bring options before the senate.

**B. Internal VP's Report**

**i. University and GSO Senate Committees**

- University Senate: Struggle is still going on but there are some of them, who have got to work.
- Working on it, and half of the university senate are working with committees.
- One university senate removed and election will be held today for the university senator.
- One at-large senator removed and election will be held today for the at-large senator.
- All GSO Senate Committees are doing well and there are no issues as per the discussion with the chairs of various committees.

**ii. Registered Student Organization (RSO) Resources**

- Last meeting was successful and have received a great input.
- Chair of Academic Resources, James will be helping and working with ITS and setting up for a collaboration space.

**C. External VP's Report**

- Held first Tea & Conversation event on 10/15/16 with representative from Provost's Taskforce, response was positive and two more events are planned, with one on diversity and inclusion, one on gender and sexuality.
- Inn Complete has been a packed house and successful during various events.
- Halloween party will be held the evening of Friday 10/28/16 followed by a family event on Saturday 10/29/16.
- Middle State Reviews can be facilitated.

**i. NAGPS National Conference Bid 2017**

- Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, Derrick Taylor and Peta will be attending the NAGPS conference at Stony Brook University
- Derrick Taylor will be running for Social Justice Chair and Sam Lietermann running for President.
- A bid will be put to host national conference at SU next year.
- Details of bid include: meeting schedules, budget, expenses including food and flight details.
- NAGPS conference has been held in at Michigan, Columbia earlier.
- Want the conduct the NAGPS at SU to raise standards and showcase SU nationally.

- \$30,000 is anticipated for conference expenses including food. If each office can contribute, it can be done.
- We have received a positive response from Dean of Graduate Organization and discussion is in progress with other organizations for the finance and sponsorship.
- Motion raised to continue the debate.
- After voting was done to follow the motion, with a result of YES: 30% and NO: 70%, the debate was ended.
- Motion raised to approve the bid for NAGPS National Conference 2017.
- Debate continues with concerns on GSO funding commitments without Senate oversight, funding/bidding timelines.
- NAGPS conference will help SU be in fore-front.
- Detail information: Showcase Syracuse and opportunity to illustrate who we are and talking about advocacy (graduate student's rights).
- The conference will include policies discussing graduate student issues.
- All SU graduate students will be invited to the conference held at SU.
- Bid will consist of: Director information, budget, expenses, flight locations from various places to Syracuse, meeting facilities and proposed date for conference in Fall'17.
- Motion was amended to include in the motion that we include an OUT clause.
- Appropriate time: February to discuss and add it in budget.
- Suggestion: In the event that SU GSO, budget cannot accommodate NAGPS, board engages its network or allow Syracuse to rescind its bid and NAGPS can open their bidding process and take their own responsibility if the finances are not managed by February.
- Motion raised to amend the amendment of getting the conference fund by Feb 15<sup>th</sup> and add in the OUT clause that if GSO cannot fund it, NAGPS will make arrangements for the funds.
- After voting for amendment to amendment motion, and with majority of Senate in favor of including the OUT clause, the decision was made to include the amended OUT clause.
- After voting on the main motion to bid, and the majority consent of the Senate, the bid was approved with the OUT clause.

#### **D. Comptroller's Report**

i. Fiscal Summary Report

#### **ii. Recommendations from the Finance Committee**

##### **a. New RSO Application: LISSA**

- Motion to not approve the new RSO Application of LISSA, because ISGO currently exists, and LISSA can be incorporated.
- New RSOs cannot overlap is association and representation for the same academic plan.
- After the voting and with consent of the Senate, with a result of Approve the Motion: 77% and do not Approve the Motion: 23%, the new RSO application of LISSA was not approved.

**b. Special Programming Request: BCCC**

- Requesting Centralized funding for students with disability (Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> and Nov 1<sup>st</sup> event)
- Requested: \$2,350
- Recommended: \$800 (Removed funds for Spring events as they can apply again later)
- A representative from BCC was present to answer questions and provide an overview.
- Motion raised to recommend \$800 for BCCC as per the finance committee recommendation.
- After the voting with a result of YES: 89%, NO: 11% and with the consent of the Senate, the recommended amount of \$800 will be granted to BCCI.

**c. Special Programming Request: Nanhi Kali**

- Proposed funds for Auditorium and decoration (they also have other co-sponsors, \$750 from ECS-GSO, \$1000 from ISGO, \$2500 from SASA)
- Requested: \$2000
- Recommended: \$0 (Can be sponsored by increasing the ticket price and other options)
- Motion was raised to grant the recommended amount of \$0 to Nanhi Kali.
- A representative from Nanhi Kali was present to answer questions and provide an overview.
- Debate continues and providing some suggestions to Nanhi Kali.
- Suggestion: To increase the Ticket cost, however RSO is unwilling to do so, as the turnout of students may be reduced.
- Suggestion made to use already allocated funds, and then reapply in the spring for other events.
- Motion raised to amend the motion to change the recommended amount from \$0 to \$1500.
- Motion raised to amend the amendment of recommended amount from \$1500 to \$750.
- After voting for the amended amount with the result of YES: 41%, NO: 59%, the amended amount was made \$1500 as per the consent of the Senate.
- Motion raised to amend the amendment from \$1500 to \$1000
- After voting for the amendment to change from \$1500 to \$1000, with the result of YES: 67%, NO: 33%, the recommended amount was changed to \$1000 as per the consent of the Senate.
- Concern was raised about funding a fundraising venture.
- Question was called. Vote passed to end the debate.
- Voting on Amendment of \$1000 instead of \$0 to Nanhi Kali, with a result of YES: 42%, NO: 58%, the amended amount was made \$0 as per consent of the Senate.
- After voting to use the recommended amount of \$0 by the finance committee, with a result of YES: 68% and NO: 32%, the Nanhi Kali will be granted \$0 as per the consent of the Senate.

**d. Special Programming Request: PAIRA**

- Requested: \$15786.5
- Recommended: \$2200, Finance Committee invites PAIRA to reapply in Fall semester if additional funding is diverted by Senate to Special Programming
- A Representative from PAIRA – Financial Officer, was present to answer question and provide an overview.
- Motion raised to vote on the recommendation made by the finance committee.
- After the voting with a result of YES: 82%, NO: 18% and with the consent of the Senate, the recommended amount of \$2200 will be granted to PAIRA.

**IV. Elections**

**A. University Senator (1)**

- A university senator cannot miss two consecutive meetings.
- Brief introduction of University Senator tasks.
- University Senate meets once a month on Wednesday.
- Recommendation to University leadership.
- Nominations:
  1. Devashis Tamhane (0%)
  2. Sonali Karamchandani (6%)
  3. Lori Pickering (13%)
  4. Vikrant Netke (13%)
  5. Guillermo Guasp Perez (63%)
  6. Nathan Elequin (6%)
  7. Yige Yang (0%)
- **Guillermo Guasp Perez** was elected as the University Senator.

**B. Senator-at-Large (1)**

- Brief introduction of Senator-at-large tasks.
- At-large senator must be in a GSO committee
- Nominations:
  1. Krishna Kesari (27%)
  2. Lori Pickering (7%)
  3. Hitarthi Bhatt (0%)
  4. Neha Humbal (0%)
  5. Lindsey Callahan (47%)
  6. Sonali Karamchandani (7%)
  7. Vineet Arora (13%)
- **Lindsey Callahan** was elected as the Senator-at-Large

**V. Old Business**

**A. Resolution 17.03 - A Resolution to Amend the GSO Constitution**

- Motion to vote for constitution before the report discussion was passed
- Resolution to amend constitution was discussed.

- Amended Constitution summary was read before the senate.
- A second was made to open for debate.
- 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the votes are required to pass the resolution.
- Motion was raised to debate was made.
- After voting for amending the constitution, with a result of YES: 100%, NO: 0%, the resolution was passed unanimously by the Senate.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Resolution 17.04 – A Resolution to Divert GSO Funds to Special Programming.**

- This resolution was automatically postponed to the next meeting due to loss of quorum prior to voting.

**VII. Remarks for the Records**

- Election watch party at the Inn Complete tonight.

**VIII. Announcements**

**A. Next Meeting: November 9, 2016**

**IX. Adjournment**

**A. Meeting is adjourned at 8.40pm.**