



GSO Senate Regular Business Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2017

Crouse-Hinds 010

5:30pm

I. Call to Order

- a. Rikki Sargent called the meeting to order at 5.31 pm.

II. Roll Call

- a. 21 voting Senators were present from various departments for the initial roll call
- b. The following officers were present: Jack Wilson, Sakshi Sinha, Rikki Sargent, Joshua Fenton, Sweta Roy, Zoey

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

- a. Present previous minutes; vote will occur at current business meeting
 - i. Debate ended with no comments
 - ii. Minutes approved with a voice vote.

IV. Motion to Conduct the At-large senator's elections

- a. Voice vote to conduct the at-large senator vote now is done and approved
- b. At-large Senator role described
- c. Nominations:
 - i. Rachel Campbell
- d. Voting performed with result Yes:26 Senator, No:1 Senator, Abstain: 1 Senator.
- e. **Rachel Campbell** has been voted as an At-large Senator

V. Executive, Committee, and Other Leadership Reports

a. President's Report

i. Housing Survey

1. Survey was sent in September to all graduate students about housing
2. Students are facing issue with low-quality housing and issues with landlords.

ii. DACA Update

1. Chancellor has called action to form the working committee
2. There won't be a permanent committee however working group is being formed.

iii. Expanding Career Services

1. Met with chancellor on expanding the staff and visibility of graduate career services
2. Discussed about it being a continuous work and more work is involved to ensure graduate career service staff is brought up to our peer institutions

iv. Invest Syracuse

1. More grad students will be supported through grants.
2. In the meeting with chancellor, made a point on emphasizing on graduate students and their support through grant.

v. Ombuds Office

1. Ombuds Office work is in its final stage.

vi. Orange Success

1. Orange Success ongoing technical cell-phone issue is being resolved
2. As per the issue, Grad TA cell-phone numbers are available on my-slice
3. Adding the number as a text number can resolve this issue or removing the number from my-slice.

vii. US-Turkey visa suspension

1. US-Turkey student visa has been suspended.
2. Not sure of exact number of students being suspended and will look into it.
3. It should not affect current students and might affect forth-coming students.

viii. Resolution 18.03: A Resolution to Amend the GSO Constitution

1. Resolution was presented at previous meeting; motion does not need a second; debate and vote will occur at current business meeting
 - a. Discussed at the end

b. Internal VP's Report

i. Committee Update

1. All committees are rolling except Academic Resources and Affair committee and Student Life committee.
2. All other have had their first meeting and things are working smoothly.
3. Child Care committee has no member, so please get involved.

ii. RSO Update

1. All RSO's have been setup except one. They are getting their things setup

iii. *New Registered Student Organizations:*

1. *Orange Hacker's*

- a. Non-academic RSO
- b. It will help graduate committee and improve cyber security issues

2. *Argentine Tango Club*

- a. Non-academic RSO
- b. It will teach Argentine Tango and associated rituals to any interested graduate student.

c. **External VP's Report**

i. *Upcoming Events*

1. TGIF – At Inn Complete on Oct 20th Food and beverages available with \$1 beer.
2. Critz Farm Fall

ii. *Inn Complete Rebranding*

1. Inn Complete wants an opportunity to change their name.
2. Senators can email their ideas to the External Vice President and then have a vote in next Senate meeting.

d. **Comptroller's Report**

i. *Women in Science and Engineering Special Programming Application*

1. Finance Committee recommendation will be presented; debate and vote will occur at current business meeting
 - a. Requesting fund (\$1,397.41) for WiSE Scientific Writing Workshop
 - b. Amount requested includes presenter, travel, catering, material, suppliers and preparation
 - c. Finance Committee recommends to provide \$1397.41 to WiSE.
 - d. Mission of WiSE is to help future women graduate students by women faculties
 - e. Always done some open programs for STEM students.
 - f. It will be the third year and is a highly-rated workshop every year.
 - g. It includes a day workshop and individual meeting with students.
 - h. It is open for discussion.
 - i. There are 25-35 people attending the workshop.
 - j. They have other funding of \$3,602.59 from other sources like different schools and chancellor's budget.
 - k. It is planned to be held in January 2018.
 - l. Motion raised to move to voting

- m. After the voting for the recommendation to fund **\$1397.41** with a result of YES: 26 Senators, NO: 2 Senators, abstain: 0 Senator, the amount of \$1397.41 will be granted to WISE.

ii. *Turkish Student Association Special Programming Application*

- 1. Finance Committee recommendation will be presented; debate and vote will occur at current business meeting
 - a. Requesting fund (\$250) for TSA Welcome Picnic
 - b. Amount requested includes picnic area and food.
 - c. Finance Committee has recommended **\$208.00**
 - d. The prices of Vegetables, Drinks, etc has been reduced from \$200 to \$142- which is the exact amount used.
 - e. The prices of meet increased from \$200 to \$216.
 - f. It is a non-academic RSO with a \$300 annual budget
 - g. Overall budget is \$26,058 in Special programming
 - h. Motion to end debate and vote.
 - i. After the voting for the recommendation to fund **\$208** with a result of YES: 23 Senators, NO: 3 Senator, abstain: 2 Senators, the amount of \$208 will be granted to Turkish Student Association Special Programming Application

iii. *Philosophy Graduate Student Organization Special Programming Application*

- 1. Finance Committee recommendation will be presented; debate and vote will occur at current business meeting
 - a. Requesting fund (\$1260) for Syracuse University Philosophy Graduate Conference
 - b. Amount requested includes hotel, food and preparation.
 - c. Finance Committee recommended \$985.00 after discussion and with the reduced price on items.
 - d. Floor is open to discussion.
 - e. Importance of conference discussed and is also beneficial for CV.
 - f. Attendance is around 30-35 people for the conference
 - g. The estimate is based on money spent last year.
 - h. The organization can also try gathering money from their departments, and have received \$250 from other department.
 - i. After the voting for the recommendation to fund **\$985** with a result of YES: 26 Senators, NO: 1 Senator, abstain: 0 Senators, the amount of **\$985** will be granted to Philosophy Graduate Student Organization

iv. *Math Graduate Organization Special Programming Application*

- 1. Finance Committee recommendation will be presented; debate and vote will occur at current business meeting

- a. Requesting fund (\$947.29) for Math Graduate Organization Special Programming Application
- b. Amount requested includes food and speakers.
- c. Finance Committee recommended \$947.29
- d. Gives students opportunity to research on mathematics
- e. After the voting for the recommendation to fund **\$947.29** with a result of YES: 26 Senators, NO: 1 Senator, abstain: 0 Senators, the amount of **\$947.29** will be granted to Philosophy Graduate Student Organization Special Programming

v. *Orange Hacker's Funding*

- 1. Finance Committee recommendation will be presented; debate and vote will occur at current business meeting
 - a. Non-academic RSO was funded \$300 for the annual budget
 - b. Finance Committee has recommended that it be funded at \$300
 - c. After the voting for the recommendation to fund **\$300** with a result of YES: 23 Senators, NO: 5 Senators, abstain: 0 Senator, the amount of **\$300** will be granted to Orange Hacker's Funding

vi. *Argentine Tango Club Funding*

- 1. Finance Committee recommendation will be presented; debate and vote will occur at current business meeting
 - a. Non-academic RSO was funded \$300
 - b. Finance Committee has recommended that it be funded at \$200
 - c. It will teach Argentine Tango and associated rituals to any interested graduate student.
 - d. Dance instructors cost around \$50 and have four sessions.
 - e. After the voting for the recommendation to fund **\$200** with a result of YES: 25 Senators, NO: 2 Senators, abstain: 1 Senator, the amount of **\$200** will be granted to Orange Hacker's Funding

e. Financial Secretary's Report

- i. No Report

f. Recording Secretary's Report

- i. No Report

g. Resolution 18.03: A Resolution to Amend the GSO Constitution

- 1. Resolution was presented at previous meeting; motion does not need a second; debate and vote will occur at current business meeting
- 2. Resolution 18.03 presented in front of the Senate again
- 3. Senators in the Summer will be decided by the Internal Vice President. If a department elects a Senator, it can be considered in the Summer.
- 4. A motion raised to amend Section 3 as follows: **may retain their Senate seat until the first regular business meeting of the next academic year.**

5. A motion raised for amendment to motion to modify as follows: **they immediately lose their senate seat**
6. A motion to limit debate on amended motion discussion to 10 minutes.
7. Motion raised to vote
8. Voice vote to end debate was raised and debate was ended
9. Voting done on the amendment to the motion. Result: Yes:11 Senators, No: 17 Senators, Abstain:0 Senator. So, the amended motion is not passed.
10. Discussion for motion continues
11. Voice vote done to end debate and vote on motion.
12. Voting done on the motion. Result: Yes:12 Senators, No: 12 Senators, Abstain:4 Senators. So, it depends on vote of Internal Vice President. And it was voted as "NO". So, the motion did not pass.
13. Now discussing the original motion.
14. Motion raised to allow Executive Board to make dramatical changes in the constitution.
15. Voice Voting done on the motion to allow changes and it passed.
16. Voice voting done to end debate and vote on resolution
17. Voting done on the Resolution with a result Yes:23 Senators No:2 Senators, Abstain: 1 Senator. And the **resolution is passed**.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

a. Elections

i. Senator-at-Large (2)

1. Conducted in the start of the meeting.

VIII. Remarks for the Record

- a. Can ask reports from Committees in the Senate meeting

IX. Announcements

- a. Next Meeting: November 1, 2017 (Crouse-Hinds 010)

X. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm