

Minutes of the First Regular Meeting of the GSO Senate

September 13, 2017

- I. Rikki Sargent called the meeting to order at 5:39pm.
- II. Electronic sign-in was used for roll call. 26 Senators were in attendance.
- III. Jack moves that the Senate immediately proceed to the confirmation of Rikki as IVP. The motion passed with unanimous consent.
 - a. Rikki surrenders the chair to Patrick Neary for the duration of the confirmation vote.
 - b. There is a brief description of the resignation of the previous IVP and the Board's use of its vacancy appointment power to appoint Rikki as IVP.
 - c. This action is subject to a confirmation vote by the Senate.
 - d. The motion to confirm Rikki Sargent as IVP passes 22 in favor, 1 against.
 - e. Rikki retakes the chair.
- IV. Executive Reports
 - a. President's Report (Jack Wilson)
 - i. There were 800 survey responses, results will be posted to the website.
 - ii. Jack is working to ease 1st year housing: international students have an especially hard time finding housing.
 - iii. The welcome shuttle was highly successful. There were 609 requests and an additional 100 more students who used the service. Feedback was universally positive.
 - iv. The Chancellor is setting up a DACA committee, the GSO has asked him to move up the projected timeline.
 - v. The GSO has asked for additional funding for grad student career services, based on the results of the career services review recently undertaken by SU.
 - vi. The President moves the approval of Res. 18.01.
 1. The NAGPS letter speaks only to F-type visas, which is why the resolution only does so.
 2. Broad support for the NAGPS letter is voiced.
 3. The motion passes unanimously.
 - vii. The President presents Res. 18.03 to the Senate chair. As it is a Constitutional amendment, it is to be debated and voted on at the next Regular meeting.
 - b. IVP Report (Rikki Sargent)
 - i. Rikki is working on RSO records and training requirements, all nearly completed.
 - ii. Committee signups will come out soon, look out for an email.
 - c. EVP Report (Sweta Roy)
 - i. The GSO gave presentations in front of 941 incoming students at various program orientations.
 - ii. 834 grad students signed in at the fall picnic, and more probably attended without signing in. The fall picnic had record attendance!
 - iii. Trivia night is at 9pm at the Inn Complete each Thursday.
 - iv. Nerd Night is Sept 19 at the Inn Complete.
 - d. Comptroller Report (Joshua Fenton)
 - i. Josh reviews the year's budget, as approved in April 2017.

- ii. The Comptroller moves the approval of Res. 18.02.
 - 1. It passes, 22 in favor, 2 against.

V. New Business

- a. Financial Secretary election – nominees:
 - i. Zhaowei Jiang
 - 1. Elected 25-1-3
- b. Recording Secretary election – nominees:
 - i. Sakshi Sinha – 25-4, elected
 - ii. Anuja Joshi
 - 1. Sakshi Sinha is elected, 25-4
- c. University Senator – nominees (all elected):
 - i. John Slosson – 26-1
 - ii. Hunter Thompson – 26-1
 - iii. Rand Hurtle – 26-1
 - iv. Ryan Shindler – 19-7-1
 - v. Adebimpe Adegbite – 24-3
- d. At-Large Senators – nominees (all elected):
 - i. Zhaowei Jiang – 27-1-1
 - ii. Anuja Joshi – 28-1

VI. Remarks for the Record

VII. Announcements

- a. Next Senate meeting will be Oct 11, 2017

VIII. Rikki adjourns the Senate at 6:47pm.