



GSO Senate Regular Business Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2017

Crouse-Hinds 010

5:30pm

I. Call to Order

- a. Rikki Sargent called the meeting to order at 5.34 pm.

II. Roll Call

- a. 18 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. Vote to excuse Zhaowei Jiang from 11/1/17 Senate meeting and Sakshi Sinha from 1/24/17 Senate Meeting

- a. Voting for Zhaowei Jiang
 - i. As per the result; Yes 19 Senators, No: 0 Senator, Abstain: 0 Senator. Zhaowei Jiang has been excused for 11/1/17 Senate meeting
- b. Voting for Sakshi Sinha
 - i. As per the result; Yes: 19 Senators, No: 0 Senator, Abstain: 0 Senator. Sakshi has been excused for 1/24/17 Senate meeting

IV. Vote to allow Schine Representatives to briefly speak to the Senate Body Schine Remodel

- a. Voting done with a result of Yes: 17 Senators, No: 1 Senator, Abstain: 2 Senators, to allow Schine representatives to present about Schine Remodel
- b. Bruce – Campus promoting officer. Joyce – Communication Specialist
- c. Working on a feasibility study of Schine student center, to look at possibilities of what building can be. Partnered with various architects to work together and vision future Schine. Analyzing the big picture of existing space and what improvements can be done. Trying to envision a future project.
- d. Want to get campus committee feedback
- e. Architects are hosting various sessions at Inn Complete tomorrow night. Drop by to discuss more and share information.
- f. Suggestion – pool table should not to be removed.

- g. Project focuses on system improvement and focuses on energy sustainability and improvements in the building.
- h. Dumping huge amount of food at the end of the day is a big issue –It is an operational issue and can be taken care by Food services department. The food can be used for community services.
- i. Focus on making various diversity groups more open and exposure in the building.
- j. Ball-rooms are a bit small for events and can be improved.
- k. Adding more restrooms in the building.
- l. Making space for more people to be accommodated.
- m. Long queue in the Schine cafeteria should be resolved. They are working on it's better operations.
- n. Suggestion: Expand pool table with more games like hockey table.
- o. Suggestion: Some space/office for graduate students with computers who have built in statistical applications which are frequently used.
- p. Tomorrow from 11 am to 6 pm at Schine, architects available for more discussion.
- q. Email schinefeedback@sy.edu for providing more feedbacks.

V. 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.

VI. Executive, Committee, and Other Leadership Reports

a. President's Report

- i. *Non-Immigrant Visa Stoppage for Turkish/ Cuba Grads*
 - 1. . Information on how many grads are matriculating in Spring 2018 from Turkey is unavailable
 - 2. Students unable to travel during Christmas vacation can attend events at Hendrick chapel.
- ii. *Expanding Career Services for Grads*
 - 1. Daniel Olsen-Bang has moved to the Graduate School, and now resides in 304H Lyman Hall
 - 2. Graduate Career Services has moved in the Graduate School Office.
 - 3. University is still figuring about how to fund and expand graduate career services.
- iii. *Schine Feasibility Study*
 - 1. Detailed discussion with Schine representatives in the Senate meeting of 2/11/2017
- iv. *Employee Health Insurance*
 - 1. Discussion is still in progress whether to move employee to student health plan
 - 2. Looking into effects of it and comparing the cost.

3. Bit complex issue since recently healthcare provider has moved from POMCO to Excellus BCBS provider. So issue is with confidentiality and work is in progress.
- v. Proposal for virtual private guest house during summer is been sent to ITS and administration.
 1. Access to virtual PC with important software's should be available.

b. Internal VP's Report

- i. Committee Update
 1. All Committee are doing well and getting their groups together.
 2. All Senator are requested to sign up for a committee
 3. NAGPS Committee conference this weekend and volunteers are needed.
 4. Concrete volunteering tasks are not available but it's mainly concerned with registration, etc. Preference can be considered and further discussed. Request everyone to contribute their time.
- ii. RSO Update
 1. Everyone is doing great.

c. External VP's Report

- i. Past Events
 1. TGIF
 - a. 240 people attended the event and it was a success
 2. Critz Farm Event
 - a. Family style event – 40 people and was a success
- ii. Volunteers needed for the NAGPS Conference from November 2—November 5
 1. Can share the volunteer spreadsheet with the Senator.
- iii. Upcoming events list will be sent soon.

d. Comptroller's Report

- i. Anthropology 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 (\$250) for Ken Nystrom: Speaker Series
 - b. Amount requested includes hotel, gas, pot luck, reception, honorarium and fliers.
 - c. Finance Committee recommends to provide \$250 to AGSO
 - d. Debate ended and voting done
 - e. After the voting for the recommendation to fund **\$250** with a result of YES: 21 Senators, NO: 0 Senator, abstain:0 Senator, the amount of **\$250** will be granted to AGSO.

- ii. ASSE @ SU Special Programming Application
 - 1. Finance Committee recommendation will be presented; debate and vote will occur at current business meeting
 - a. Requesting fund (\$3,402.77) for ASEE Initiatives
 - b. Amount requested includes Seminar Series, PhD Skills Development, Social and Creative Skill building opportunity and PhD Skills Mini Retreat
 - c. Finance Committee recommends to provide \$3,402.77 to ASSE.
 - d. Seminar Series and Skill Development can have 30 – 40 people.
 - e. Mini retreat also has 30 students attending it.
 - f. Debate ended and voting done
 - g. After the voting for the recommendation to fund **\$3,402.77** with a result of YES: 16 Senators, NO: 6 Senator, abstain:0 Senator, the amount of **\$3,402.77** will be granted to ASEE.

- iii. SUPRA Special Programming Application
 - 1. Finance Committee recommendation will be presented; debate and vote will occur at current business meeting
 - a. Requesting fund (\$900) for Syracuse North Side Walking Tour
 - b. Amount requested includes post tour meal at With Love..restaurant.
 - c. Finance Committee recommends to provide \$900 to Supra.
 - d. Debate ended and voting done
 - e. After the voting for the recommendation to fund **\$900** with a result of YES: 21 Senators, NO: 1 Senator, abstain:0 Senator, the amount of **\$900** will be granted to SUPRA.

- e. Financial Secretary's Report
 - i. No Report
- f. Recording Secretary's Report
 - i. No Report
- VII. Old Business
 - i. No old business
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Elections
 - i. Senator-at-Large (1)
 - 1. No nominations – will be done at the next Senate meeting
 - b. Resolution 18.04: A Resolution to Amend the Name of the Inn Complete**
 - i. Resolution will be presented; debate and vote will occur at current business meeting
 - 1. Resolution read and presented before the Senate.
 - 2. Option presented as follows:

- a. No name change; Simply Rebrand as “the Inn”
3. Campus catering and marketing people wanted more people to come-in and increase customers so wanted a name change.
4. Should focus more on marketing. Re-branding alone would not help with increasing customers.
5. Name not very interesting to attract more people.
6. Motion made to end debate.
7. After the voting for the resolution with a result of YES: 0 Senator, NO: 20 Senators, abstain:1 Senator, the resolution failed.

c. Resolution 18.05: A Resolution Allocating Funds from Rollover

- i. Resolution will be presented; debate and vote will occur at current business meeting
 1. Resolution read and presented before the Senate
 2. Travel grant had last year \$80,000 and this year there is only \$50,000 so can provide \$15,000 to travel grant program.
 3. Extra money can be used for supporting disasters.
 4. Motion made to amend the resolution as follows: **\$2500 is provided to Outreach budget line; \$12500 be allocated to Special Programming budget line; \$12500 be allocated to travel grant budget line; that a disaster relief budget line be permanently be added to the budget upon passage of this resolution; \$5500 be allocated to disaster relief budget line.**
 5. Voice vote to end debate on the amended done and was passed
 6. Voting done for the amendment to the resolution with a result of YES: 2 Senators, NO: 18 Senators, abstain:1 Senator, the amended resolution **failed.**
 7. Motion to end debate on the original resolution was raised and passed through voice vote.
 8. Voting done for the resolution with a result of YES: 20 Senators, NO: 0 Senator, abstain:0 Senator, the resolution **has passed.**

IX. Remarks for the Record

- a. NAGPS conference on the weekend. Please register
- b. Eventful line of activities will be available like Visa Issue discussions, etc.
- c. Many annual business meetings and voting for business chairs also to be conducted.
- d. Want Syracuse students to hold more seats on the national board.
- e. Dinner available and would like to have a head count.
- f. Director of Slutzer center will be the opening key note.
- g. Specific time frames for volunteers can be discussed.
- h. Code is available “SyracuseGSO2017” for Syracuse University students for free attendance to conference.

- i. Senators are requested to be showing up to GSO Senate meeting. People missing the meeting will be contacted.

- X. Announcements
 - a. Next Meeting: November 29, 2017 (Crouse-Hinds 010)
 - b. Trivia tomorrow night

- XI. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm