**GSO Senate Regular Business Meeting Agenda**

**January 23, 2019** | **Life Sciences 105** | **5:30pm**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by Nick Mason.
2. 35 Senate members in attendance by electronic clicker sign-in.
3. Senate guest: Student Legal Services
   1. Vote to allow into meeting passes by electronic clicker, 31, yes– 3, no – 0, abstain.
   2. Presentation by Christopher Burke, Director, Student Legal Services (SLS)
      1. SLS can represent students in various legal situations: landlord issues, traffic tickets, criminal charges, etc.
      2. SLS cannot represent students in a University Conduct Board (UCB) hearing, however they can be a procedural advisor in their initial informal meeting with the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSSR) and provide guidance outside of the UCB hearing.
      3. In Academic Disciplinary matters, SLS can sit in on a hearing as a procedural advisor to students.
   3. Questions:
      1. What can the GSO works towards? Can work towards getting OSSR to allow an SLS representative to sit in on student disciplinary hearings as procedural advisors.
      2. Senator brings up a concern that students not getting due process in the ORRS conduct process is a civil liberties issue.
      3. Senator notes that the current process is one that protects the complainant, for example in Title IX cases.
      4. Chris clarifies the difference between Title IX cases and typical disciplinary systems. There are more protections put in place in Title IX cases.
   4. Contact: Student Legal Services, Inc. Marshall Sq. Mall 720 University Ave. (315) 443-4532
4. Senate guest: Office of Professional and Career Development (OPCD)
   1. Vote to allow into meeting passes 30 – 4 – 1 by electronic clicker
   2. Presentation by Dan Olson-Bang, Director, Office of Professional and Career Development (OPCD)
      1. Goal is to support curricular and academic success as well as career success
      2. Moving towards programming to support students throughout their graduate experience, not just at the very end.
      3. Contact: Dan Olson-Bang [dolsonba@syr.edu](mailto:dolsonba@syr.edu) or OPCD@syr.edu
   3. Questions:
      1. How many students do you see per week? Presenter answers, around 75.
      2. Senator notes that ‘Handshake’ is not currently using preferred names in weekly emails. Presenter responds that he will look into getting preferred names on Handshake.
      3. Do you work with Career Services Offices in other Schools/Colleges, for example, Maxwell? They don’t work directly with other schools and colleges, but they encourage students to use both their home school’s career services office as a resource and also OPCD.
      4. Does your office help individuals in academic career tracks in addition to professional? Yes, it is a large part of their job. Presenter emphasized that they are a Graduate office dedicated to Graduate students.
5. Approval of Previous Minutes
   1. Voice vote approves previous minutes with no objections.
6. Executive, Committee, and Other Leadership Reports
   1. President’s Report (Jack Wilson)
      1. Ombudsman has been chosen and sent to Chancellor - Neil Palace.
         * A current Ph.D. Candidate in Newhouse.
         * Is this a conflict of interest because he is a student? No. Only if dealing with students in his program or school which they have planned for.
      2. Have been working with Student Association to improve Due Process Protections in Academic Integrity and Disciplinary processes.
      3. Slutzger Center Director search committee now has a graduate student position.
      4. Disability Cultural Center has a graduate student on the committee as well.
      5. Executive Board Positions are open.
      6. Resolution - GSO Policy Platform
   2. Internal VP’s Report (Nick Mason)
      1. Spring 2019 Meeting Schedule (All at 5:30 in Life Sciences 105).

* Meeting 5: 23 January
* GSO RSO Town Hall Meeting: 6 February
  + This meeting will be for RSOs. The GSO wants to know how we can better meet the
* Meeting 6: 20 February
  + - * Meeting 7: 20 March
      * Meeting 8: 10 April
      * Budget and Elections Meetings: 24 April
    1. GSO Sesquicentennial Celebration Task Force
       - Spring 2020 there will be an RSO competition to create an event for the 150 celebration. The winning RSO will plan the $15K event and receive a “cash prize”.
  1. External VP’s Report (Sweta Roy)
     1. Nothing to report
  2. Comptroller’s Report (Joshua Fenton)
     1. Library Special Programming Application: $750.00 for Research Tables
        + Budget passes 31 – 4 – 1 by electronic clicker
  3. Recording Secretary’s Report (Taylor Sanders)
     1. Travel Grant
        + Travel Grant funds awarded as of the 1/15/19 deadline: $49,396.05.
        + Received 163 applications. Awarded to 133 students.
        + 30, 603.95 left in the fund for the remainder of the academic year.
     2. Senate Minutes - Secretary will send out the Minutes prior to the end of the week of each Senate meeting.
  4. Financial Secretary’s Report (Yousr Dhaouadi)
     1. Nothing to Report

1. Old Business
   1. No old business for the agenda
2. New Business
   1. Election: University Senator (1)
      1. Saeed Fadaeimanesh nominates himself
      2. Motion carries 15 – 13 – 6 by electronic vote. Fadaeimanesh is elected by the Senate as a University Senator.
   2. Resolution, Policy Platform of the GSO
      1. Presented by Jack Wilson, President, GSO.
      2. Initial Discussion of the Resolution
         * Senator voices the concern that this platform might limit the possibilities of the senate’s decision-making abilities.
         * Senator point of information (POI), Will this platform take the place of the senate receiving and voting on resolutions? Jack Wilson: It will in some small instances, where resolutions have to be passed by the senate, edited, and then passed again.
         * Senator POI, will the senate review this and make updates to it yearly or each semester? Jack Wilson: Yes. That is one of the charges of the Civic Engagement Committee.
         * Senator POI, Does this policy make it OK for the executive board to make decisions without going through the senate? Chair: The executive board can do that anyway, this policy is meant to simplify the process.
         * GSO Executive board: As a matter of transparency, the GSO Executive Board brings any decisions made or actions taken to the senate.
      3. Senate moves to discuss the Policy Platform in sections via voice vote:
         * Senator motions to amend (#1) Resolution 19.10 to include “that any actions be taken based on this policy platform must be reported to the Senate within a week;”
           1. Senator makes a motion to amend the amendment to remove “within a week”

Motion does not carry by electronic vote 10 – 16 – 3.

* + - * 1. President Jack Wilson motions to amend the amendment to include, “(significant, official, or public)”

Senators motions to call the question, motion carries by electronic vote 19 – 6 – 3.

Motion passes the amendment 21 – 4 – 3.

* + - * 1. Amendment #1 passes via electronic clicker 25 – 1 – 2.
      * Discussion moves to the Rights and Diversity section of the Policy Platform.
        1. Senator POI, how many of these are previous resolutions? Not many.
        2. Senator POI, how many resolutions haven’t been revised in a year? We aren’t sure, there are many GSO resolutions, and we can’t make
        3. Senator POI, were any of these taken from MIT? Yes.
      * Senator motions to suspend the rules to discuss the entire document at once. There are no objections via voice vote, motion passes.
    1. Reviewing the Policy Platform in its entirety:
       - Clarifying Question: Does this platform bind us to propose and vote on any future resolutions? Chair: No, it is the right of any senator to bring a resolution to the senate.
       - Senator motions to amend (#2) the 11th point in the Policy Platform, adding “and that all humans are paid a living wage.”
       - Amendment #2 passes via electronic clicker, 14 – 11 – 2
    2. Senator calls the question to vote on the Resolution.
       - Resolution, GSO Policy Platform, passes 21 – 5 – 1 by electronic clicker.
  1. Employment Issues Committee Resolution
     1. Presentation by Anthony Walker, Employment Issues Committee
     2. Senator POI, who will have access to the raw data, will there be IRB approval of this survey? Anthony Walker, the committee does not know and will answer survey and confidentiality questions if the resolution passes.
     3. Senator POI, this type of survey would not need IRB approval.
     4. Senator POI, is the survey to collect data on all graduate students or to look closer at specific demographics like school/college, gender, race, age, etc.? Anthony Walker, unsure, but that is not the initial intent of the survey.
     5. Senator motions to amend the resolution and remove resolved clause.
        + Senator asks permission to withdrawal the amendment. The amendment is withdrawn.
     6. Senator motions to create a friendly amendment to include an “open survey meeting” in the resolution.
        + The motion carries by voice vote
     7. Senator POI, will the Employment Issues Committee publish the information? Anthony Walker: yes, past surveys are public on the website currently.
     8. Nick Mason recused the Chair position.
     9. Jack Wilson Assumed the position of chair.
     10. Senator clarifying question, is there already a precedent set for GSO conducting surveys and how they handle raw data? Josh Fenton: there is no precedent on what we do with data and other information, like listservs.
     11. Senator clarifying question, shouldn’t they have to submit a request to IRB to avoid ethical issues? Anthony Walker: Aren’t sure if this type of research would be able to go through IRB.
     12. Motion made to amend the resolution and delete the resolve clause regarding the Syracuse Graduate Employees United (SGEU) being able to participate in the meeting of the Employment Issues Committee.
         + Motion passes by voice vote.
     13. Motion to call the question, motion passes by voice vote.
     14. The Resolution passes 19 – 1 – 5 by electronic clicker.

1. Remarks for the Record
   1. No remarks made
2. Announcements
   1. Town Hall Meeting for RSOs: February 6, 2019 (Life Sciences 105)
   2. Next GSO Senate Meeting: February 20, 2019 (Life Sciences 105)
   3. Email Nick Mason if you are interested in joining the GSO Sesquicentennial (150) Celebration Task Force
   4. DPS signs began being put up 1/23/19. Now the process to hand out the safety cards begins. If you have any ideas on how the GSO, SA, and DPS can work together to distribute, reach out to Obi Afriyie [ooafriyii@syr.edu](mailto:ooafriyii@syr.edu).
3. Nick Mason adjourned the meeting at 8:36pm.