

Organizational Meeting  
September 4, 2013

Todd calls to order

I (Sarah) was elected secretary until one selected

Motion to accept sign in sheet as roll call

III) Executive Reports

a) President's Remarks

- a. Grad pay survey results- 400 responses, which was 29% of people who were sent it; 59% of TAs/RAs are paid below living wage; serious pay disparity; people are happy with benefits; putting together a packet of recommendations for grad school, budget office, upper admin, etc.
- b. Grad assistant contract policies- disparity in policy of disclosure to grads
- c. Student Fee increase- running on \$55,000 deficit because of extra money; will either need to cut budget 10-15% or modest student fee increase, looking at 2015-16 academic year for when this would be applied
- d. Trustee update
- e. Contact Pat at gso@syr.edu

b) Internal VP

- a. Meeting Rules
- b. Explanation of Senators

c) Comptroller

- a. Recruiting for finance committee

IV) Elections

a) Recording Secretary: Ashley Villone, Andrea Denniston  
Ashley Villone is elected

b) Election for Financial Secretary: Joonsik Yoon, Teresa Bruno  
Joonsik is elected

c) Election for University Senators (7) open spots

1. Corey Jackson
2. Amy Burnette
3. Amanda Hoffman
4. Sam Leitermann
5. Peta Long
6. Virginia Early
7. Sandra Carter
8. Andrea Denniston

[1-7 elected to senator positions]

d) Election for At-Large Senators (4) open spots

1. Andrea Denniston
- Andrea was spoken to about being a department rep instead
  - These positions will be elected at the next meeting on 9/18/13

V) New Business

a) Move to eliminate Drumlins liaison positions; Seconded

- No longer need a partnership with Drumlins
  - Off campus affairs not interested in working with Graduate Students
- [No objections to matters presented]

b) Adopt resolution to amend GSO constitution

Changes:

- Each grad program has a representative
- Each program should send (1) rep per 100 students in the program

Discussion on above:

- How much “power” a department may get over another in voting if they have more representation than the other
- Allotment of money should be \$100/rep who attend the meeting, as opposed to 1 of 7 reps attending and receiving full allotment for the department
- Group made an amendment to the amendment to the GSO constitution (wording changed in constitution)
- Call to end discussion on amendment to the amendment discussion [15 vote]

Vote on adding discussed language to the amendment [14-1 vote]

- This issue will be passed to the agenda committee for next business meeting

VI) Remarks for the Record

None

VII) Announcements

- Wine tasting/ beer tasting
- Tuesday Nerd Nights (Inn Complete)
- Thursday Trivia Night (Inn Complete)

Meeting Adjourned 7:20 pm