

# Minutes

## GSO Business Meeting

October 22, 2014

Life Sciences 105

5:30 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Confirmation of Minutes
  - a. No corrections to the minutes from last meeting
- IV. Executive Reports
  - a. President's Report
    - i. Fast Forward Syracuse ([fastforward.syr.edu](http://fastforward.syr.edu))
      1. Patrick has spoken to upper level university member about more information regarding Fast Forward.
      2. Senators should send out information about Fast Forward to their respective departments
    - ii. Campus Master Plan
    - iii. Strategic Planning
      1. Gathered information to give to Strategic Planning on what issues are of concern to the GSO (Library funding, TA pay, etc.)
    - iv. Campaign for Advocacy Senator
      1. The movement is moving in a good direction
      2. There seems to be more information about the services being offered
    - v. Student Advisory group
      1. There will be a group meeting with University administration
    - vi. Activism Movements around campus
      1. The movements are effective
      2. There have been positive reactions from the university
      3. They have formed a big group called the "General Body" Committee
        - a. Patrick wants the GSO to be involved in the group
        - b. There will be a Rally on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - vii. Survey
      1. There will be a survey going out to graduate students
      2. Survey will ask graduate students?
        - a. What is the GSO?
        - b. Do you like or know what we do?
        - c. What are your concerns?
        - d. What should the GSO do for you?
      3. We hope to get the survey out by the second week in November

4. There are some concerns about the length of the survey. Concerns about the events that the GSO promotes, particularly those that include alcohol.
  5. Deferment of the conversation until later
  - b. External Vice President's Report
    - i. Outreach reports
      1. Pumpkin Carving on Friday (October 24, 2014)
  - c. Comptroller's Report
    - i. Recommendations of the Finance Committee
      1. PAIRA – Maxwellween – No Funding from the GSO
        - a. Treasurer from PAIRA advocates for funding (\$530) for the fundraiser that takes place on Halloween at the World Lounge Martini Bar for Maxwell student travel to D.C (\$600) and NYC (\$2700)
        - b. GSO has funded PAIRA in the past for various things
        - c. Call to Question
          - i. Seconded
        - d. Moved to a vote
          - i. 18 in favor
          - ii. Motion carried
      2. History Graduate Student Organization – Fund for \$759
        - a. Event for speakers to advise students on jobs, and other things
        - b. Move to vote
          - i. All in favor
      3. BCCC – Fund for \$400
        - a. Add a stipulation to open event to other students
          - i. Motion for this stipulation
            1. Second
          - ii. Open for debate
            1. Debate
          - iii. Vote on motion
            1. Motion fails
          - iv. Vote on
            1. Motion carries, all in favor
      4. Forensic Science \$500 (1/3 of the event)
        - a. Whodunit event
          - i. Mostly for undergraduate students
          - ii. Open to all students
        - b. Move to vote
          - i. Motion carries
  - d. Internal Vice President's Report
  - e. Grant committee
    - i. Sept. 31 completed travel grant applications 98% receive funding amount for \$6450 in total
    - ii. Oct. 8 applications received travel grant applications, all received funding for \$2150 in total
    - iii. Research grant is gone
- V. New Business

- a. Resolution 15.03 – Alter Usage Restrictions on Endowed Funds
    - i. \$80,000 in university endowment
    - ii. The money hasn't been used, and has accumulated interest.
    - iii. Request to change endowment to GSO funding
    - iv. Motion
      - 1. Second
      - 2. Open for debate
    - v. Move to vote
      - 1. Motion carries
  - b. Resolution 15.04 – Fund Incentives for a Survey of all Graduate Students
    - i. Take \$750 to incentivize the survey (50 or 75)
      - 1. Move to vote
        - a. Motion carries
  - c. Resolution 15.05 – Giving Instructions to the GSO Delegates to the NAGPS National Conference
    - i. Issue directions to the delegates on how to vote at the conference
    - ii. Motion
      - 1. Open to debate
    - iii. Move to vote
      - 1. Motion carries
  - d. Resolution 15.06 – Supporting a Change to the Syracuse University Computing and Electronic Policy's Definition of Harassment
    - i. This is calling for the university to change language in the policy
      - 1. Move
        - a. Second
        - b. Open to debate
        - c. Motion to vote
      - 2. Move to vote
        - a. Motion carries
- VI. Remarks for the Record
    - a. Next meeting November 15th
  - VII. Announcements
    - a. Interest in other Grad student organizations
  - VIII. Adjournment