



GSO Senate Regular Business Meeting Agenda

**November 9, 2016
132 Lyman Hall
5:30pm**

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. Can Aslan called the meeting to order at 5.35 pm.

- II. Roll Call**
 - a. 31 voting Senators were present in the meeting from various departments
 - b. The following officers were present: Rajesh Kumar, Can Aslan, David Lemon, Peta Long, Gaven Ehrlich, and Sakshi Sinha.

- III. Executive, Committee, and Leadership Reports**
 - a. President's Report**
 - i. Governing Council**
 - Governing Council was created by previous GSO leadership to bring students governments of Syracuse University (SU) together to achieve collective goals.
 - Syracuse University Student Association(SUSA) is working towards the implementation of an off-campus neighborhood camera project. Project Manager Alex Lynch explained the complete project detailing issues of off-campus safety, plan of installing cameras in phases, fundraising from small businesses, landlords, and impacts of installing cameras in the Euclid and Westcott neighborhood. The GSO president believes that the GSO should support the project ideologically and arrange some financial support even a token amount \$1-2K for its success.
 - SUNY ESF GSA and SUSBA liked SUGSO's Welcome Shuttle Program and are willing to collaborate with SU GSO in order to extend the free pick-up facility to their incoming colleagues in the coming years.

 - ii. NAGPS National Conference**
 - The GSO contacted more than 15 offices including Chancellor, Provost, CFO, Dean of Student Affairs, Dean of Graduate School and College Deans seeking academic and financial support for hosting NAGPS National Conference.

- Office of Chancellor, Provost, Graduate School, and Dean of Student Affairs have extended their support and have committed \$5000.00, \$5000.00, \$5000.00, and \$2000.00 respectively totaling to \$17,000.00.

iii. Free Speech Policy Updates

- Three existing University policies governing speech and expression have been revised and are available for review and comments till 18th November.
- Weblink is available in the president's report.

iv. Graduate Students Employee Benefits

- Enrollment for registering for benefits are open and eligible students can enroll for university subsidized health insurance(POMCO)
- Graduate Student Employees will be eligible for POMCO for one more year.
- Graduate Employee Benefit Working group is exploring alternative options for subsidizing the health insurance for graduate student employees.

v. Minimum Stipend and Assistantship Types

- A working group is being formed which will include Dean of Graduate School, Dean of Student Affairs, Interim CFO, Chief of Human Resource, Provost and GSO President.
- University administration is being reminded constantly about the importance of minimum stipend and the approaching deadline

vi. Long-Standing Issues

a) Graduate Career Services Review

- The University Leadership needs input from us.
- Academic Affairs and Resource Committee is working on collecting data from departments to understand need of resources and services to offer quality career services exclusively for graduate students
 - Citing the limited knowledge and resources of the GSO and its committees, the GSO president demanded to have an external review of career services for graduate students
 - The administration promised to seriously look into this and will keep us posted

b) Ombuds Office

- Creation of Ombuds Office is in progress and Provost is the in-charge. Unfortunately, the focus is faculty and staff only. The GSO is pressing to incorporate mechanism to address the graduate students concerns as well.

c) Child Care Task Force

- Provost was tasked to create a new Child Care Task Force to include more children
- 171 children need child care, however University only give care to 61 children.

- Dimple Dhanani, Chair of GSO Childcare Committee suggested to demand for immediate subsidy for childcare, and mentioned to increase the awareness about it through media and focus groups. She also suggested to request administration for concrete plan and timeline.
- The GSO President responded that subsidy as an immediate solution and increasing the number of seats at SU Childcare Services as a long term solution was the part of the discussion.

b. Internal VP's Report

i. University Senate Committee Placements

Includes the following University Senators:

- Academic Affair (Pooja Shah)
- Administrative Operations (Rahul Goyal)
- Agenda (Kevin Hundelt)
- Budget and Fiscal Affairs (Guillermo Guasp Perez)
- Computing Services (James Bort)
- Diversity (Lori Pickering) *
- Honorary Degrees (Chaudhry Iftikhar)
- LGBT Concerns (Derrick Taylor)
- Research (Garrett Bryant)
- Services to Faculty and Staff (Diksha Shukla)
- Student Life (Rajesh Kumar)
- Women's Concerns (Dimple Dhanani)

*Lori is the member of the diverse committee and agreed to serve on the University Committee as well. University Senate bylaws allow non-members to serve on its committees.

ii. Collaboration Space for Committees and RSOs

- Waiting from ITS from last 15 days to fix an issue to continue working on the online collaboration space for committees and RSO's
- Expected to show the collaboration space in the last senate meeting of the year (30th November 2016)

iii. New GSO Website

- Can is working on the new GSO website
- Expected to show the website in the last senate meeting of the year (30th November 2016)

c. External VP's Report

i. Inn Complete Logo Selection

- Options for the Inn Complete Logo Selection are presented to the senate for approval
- Voting for Logo selection with three options available (1st with beer cup, second with snow, third with a big caption of INN Complete) is conducted.

- After voting for the logo with the result of 1st Logo: 16 senators, 2nd Logo: 10 senators, 3rd Logo: 4 senators, the beer cup logo is selected for Inn Complete as per the consent of the senate.

ii. **Swag for Senate**

- Senate will be provided with gift from the Senate Appreciation budget in the next Senate Meeting on 30th November 2016.
- Options for Swag for Senate are: One thermos bottle and other as stainless steel bottle.
- Hand voting is made to decide whether to provide bottle or “No Gift” to the senate.
- Discussion continues about whether the mug is really required for senate gift.
- A motion is made to vote on whether an appreciation is required for the senate or not as a gift.
- Debate continues and discussion carries on that due to financial constraints gift is not required.
- However, some people are of the opinion that due to their hard work they should receive appreciation.
- Senate discusses on whether this fund will be used for special programming.
- Debate ended
- Voting was made on the motion whether an appreciation gift is required or not for senate with the result of Yes: 16 senators, No : 10 senators, Abstain : 5 people, and with the senate consent it was decided that the appreciation gift will be given to the senate.
- Voting was made on the main motion to choose the mug with the options of 1st: thermos (figure mug) 2nd: stainless steel (plain mug) 3rd: Surprise mug, with the result of 1st: 12 senators, 2nd: 13 senators, 3rd: 06 senators, and with the senate consent the stainless steel plain mug was decided as the appreciation gift for the senate.

iii. **Past and Future Events**

- Trivia Night, Karaoke, Winter-Wine Tasting, Call Congress Day are some of the upcoming GSO events.

iv. **Call for Suggestions for Future Events**

- Send email to Peta Long for any suggestions on future events.
- For spring 2017 events, suggestions are to be provided by Thanksgiving.

v. **NAGPS**

- Secured \$17,000 as the financial support for from four offices.
- Overall cost of the bid is \$23,000 which will be covered with registration fee.
- Pre-conference to do workshop, discuss about health insurance and other issues are to be conducted.
- Sam elected as the president in NAGPS board

a) **National Conference Bid**

- Scheduled proposal for National Conference will have 3 key notes speakers.

- NAGPS committee will be needing more people for help.
- Secured \$17,000 as the financial support from four offices.

b) Call Congress Day

- Dates are yet to be decided for the Call Congress Day.
- Senate will be informed as soon as the date is decided for the Call Congress Day
- Undergraduates are welcome to attend to Call Congress Day.

d. Comptroller's Report

i. Recommendations from the Finance Committee

a) Special Programming Application: SUPRA

- Requesting fund for post tour meal for approximately 60 people
- Requested: \$900
- Recommended by the finance committee: \$900
- Motion raised to recommend \$900 for SUPRA as per the finance committee recommendation.
- After the voting with a result of YES: 18 Senators, NO: 1 Senator, Abstain: 2 Senator and with the consent of the Senate, the recommended amount of \$900 will be granted to SUPRA.

b) New RSO Application: SVEM

- Sport Venue and Event Management Club requests amount to provide students with sport facilities.
- Requested: \$1000
- Recommended by the finance committee: \$700 as three months has been crossed in the academic year
- Motion raised to recommend \$700 for SVEM as per the finance committee recommendation.
- After the voting with a result of YES: 17 Senators, NO: 2 Senator, Abstain: 2 Senator and with the consent of the Senate, the recommended amount of \$700 will be granted to SVEM.

c) Website Finance

- Finance committee recommend to put \$430 received back for the website in the budget for Special programming.
- Motion raised to recommend \$430 for Special programming as per the finance committee recommendation.
- After the voting with a result of YES: 17 Senators, NO: 1 Senator, Abstain: 0 Senator and with the consent of the Senate, the recommended amount of \$430 will be added for special programming.

ii. Elections

a. Senator-at-Large (1)

- Brief introduction of Senator-at-large tasks.
- At-large senator must be in a GSO committee
- No nomination available yet and this will be done in the next meeting
- Executive officer can fill the position temporary.

iii. Old Business

a. Resolution 17.04 - Divert GSO Funds to Special Programming

- Resolution was read in front of the senate.
- Reduce the Empire Park passports and the senate appreciation amount to \$0 to add in the special programming.
- Debate initiated and discussions done.
- Suggestion: Student organization require funding and special programming needs funding, so funds so should be added in the special programming.
- Suggestion: Budget plan should be done early next year at an early
- Suggestion: To use the reserve funds for special programming
- Motion was made to amend the motion and to increase the Senate appreciation from 0 to \$500
- After the voting with a result of YES: 19 Senators, NO: 6 Senator, Abstain: 1 Senator and with the consent of the Senate, the amended resolution was passed.
- The resolution was modified and the Senate appreciation amount was increased from \$0 to \$500.
- The amended resolution passed by the senate with the above results.

iv. New Business

v. Remarks for the Records

vi. Announcements

- a. Next Meeting: November 30, 2016

vii. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7.12 pm