**GSO Senate Regular Business Meeting Agenda**

**November 28, 2018** | **Crouse-Hinds 010** | **5:30pm**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:38pm by Nick Mason
2. 22 Senate members are in attendance via electronic clicker sign-in.
3. Senate Guest: The Rev. Brian E. Konkol, Ph.D, Hendricks Chapel, Dean
   1. Vote to allow into meeting passes by electronic clicker 20 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain
   2. Dean Konkol presents on the Student Opportunity Fund, $1 million fund to benefit all SU students. Students can contact him directly with any need and he will work with them on providing funding.
   3. Questions from Senate:
      1. Q: How do you plan on engaging with Graduate students? Response: By reaching out to the senate, word of mouth, and online platforms.
      2. Q: How can you make Hendricks Chapel a more welcoming space, it appears very protestant focused. R: BY engaging with more and more students so they can spread the word that Hendricks Chapel is a place of acceptance.
   4. Contact: 315-443-2902 | bkonkol@syr.edu
4. Approval of Previous Minutes
   1. Voice vote approves previous minutes with no objections.
5. Executive, Committee, and Other Leadership Reports
   1. President’s Report (Jack Wilson)
      1. Jack asks the GSO committees to continue reviewing the policy platform prior to our next meeting.
      2. The search committee for the new Chief Diversity Officer is looking for a graduate student. Their meeting is Tuesday December 4th from 9:30-10:15am. Please reach out to Jack if you are interested in participating.
      3. Representation of online students is something the GSO is looking into.
      4. Slutzger Center still does not have graduate representation on the search committee.
      5. The GSO is concerned with the representation over the years. There are many departments lacking a senate representative. How do we fix this?
   2. Internal VP’s Report (Nick Mason)
      1. Meeting Schedule for Spring 2019, Life Sciences 105:
         1. Meeting 5: Wed, 23 Jan, 5:30p
         2. Meeting 6: Wed, 20 Feb, 5:30p
         3. Meeting 7: Wed, 20 Mar, 5:30p
         4. Meeting 8: Wed, 10 Apr, 5:30p
         5. Budget and Elections Meetings: Wed, 24 Apr, 5:30p
   3. External VP’s Report (Sweta Roy)
      1. Nothing to report
   4. Comptroller’s Report (Joshua Fenton)
      1. BCCC Special Programming Application
         1. No representative from BCCC presented.
         2. Cripping the Comic Con's Crip Coffee house
         3. Budget of $100 passes by electronic clicker 14-7-6
      2. SOE Council Special Programming Application
         1. Fall 2018 End-of-Semester Write-In
         2. Budget of $1,100 passes by electronic clicker 25-1-1
      3. Philosophy GSO Special Programming Application
         1. Asking for $871.41. Budget passes by electronic clicker 23-1-2
      4. WWB Start-Up Funds
         1. $400 for start-up passes by electronic clicker 20-3-4
      5. CACSU Start-Up Funds
         1. $400 for start-up funds passes by electronic clicker 20-3-4.
   5. Financial Secretary’s Report (Yousr Dhaouadi)
      1. Nothing to report.
   6. Recording Secretary’s Report (Taylor Sanders)
      1. Travel Grant funds awarded as of the 11/15 deadline: $40,650.05
      2. Received 135 applications. Awarded to 133 students.
6. Jack Wilson made a motion to suspend the rules and move to new business immediately. Motion passed by electronic clicker 14-3-10
7. New Business
   1. Employment Issues Committee Presentation.
      1. They revisited the numbers used in the previous presentation, made a more concise argument for advocating for a living wage for graduate students – specifically at SU.
8. Old Business
   1. Resolution: Living Wage and Policy Platform
      1. Jack Wilson made a motion to make an amendment to the resolution to be inclusive of Graduate and Ph.D. student.
      2. Resolution was discussed, the senate amended the amendment to read “graduate assistants and fellows…” to be more inclusive.
      3. Senator Afriyie comments that the GSO should support a living wage for all persons.
      4. The amendment to the resolution passed by voice vote, with one objection by Senator Afriyie.
      5. A senator made a motion to end discussion on the resolution. The discussion was ended by an electronic vote, 18-5-3.
      6. Resolution passed by electronic vote 21-3-2.
   2. Election University Senator (1)
      1. No eligible students were nominated. Tabled the election until the following senate meeting.
9. Remarks for the Record
   1. None
10. Announcements
    1. Next Meeting: 23 Jan, 2019
       1. 5:30 P.M. **Life Sciences 105**
11. Nick Mason adjourned the meeting at 7:14pm.