

**April 26, 2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Executive Summary**

On April 26, 2023, the Graduate Student Organization held its eighth regular meeting of the 2022-2023 academic year in Lyman Hall, room 132 at 5:30 PM. At the meeting, the Senate voted to approve a $300 startup fund for the Defense Comptrollership Program Organization (DCPO), struck the letter of recommendation from the PAC Grant application and established relative funding priority for the PAC Grant, unanimously endorsed a statement of support for the ESF Research Assistants’ unionization campaign, and passed three new resolutions: to limit the purchase of shrimp, crab, and lobster with GSO funds; to revise the GSO fiscal policy; and to prioritize graduate student wellness. The special meeting on budget and elections will occur on May 3, 2023 in Lyman Hall, room 132 at 5:30 PM.

**Motions and Votes**

1. **Motion to amend the motion establishing PAC Grant Priority within the new budget structure to say “relative funding priority” – APS Dominic Wilkins, 6:26 PM**
   1. Passed with no objection
2. **Voting on motion to establish PAC Grant relative funding priority – 6:32 PM**
   1. Approved: Yes – 35; No – 2; Abstain - 0
3. **Voting on Defense Comptrollership Program Organization Startup Funding Request – 6:42 PM**
   1. Approved: Yes – 34; No – 2; Abstain - 1
4. **Voting motion to strike the letter of recommendation from the PAC Grant Application – 7:31 PM**
   1. Approved: Yes – 33; No – 3; Abstain – 0
5. **Voting on motion to support the ESF Research Assistants’ Unionization Campaign**
   1. Approved: Yes -36; No – 0; Abstain - 0
6. **Voting on GSO Senate Resolution 23.11: A Resolution Limiting the Purchase of Shrimp, Crab, and Lobster – 8:04 PM**
   1. Approved: Yes – 25 Yes, No – 7, Abstain – 2
7. **Voting on GSO Senate Resolution 23.12: A Resolution to Revise the GSO Fiscal Policy – 8:22 PM**
   1. Approved: Yes – 28 Yes; No – 0; Abstain –1
8. **Voting on GSO Senate Resolution 23.13: A Resolution to Prioritize Graduate Student Wellness Further and to Communicate Graduate Students’ Distinct Group Counseling and Fitness Program Requests & Preferences to the Barnes Center – 8:45 PM**
   1. Approved: Yes – 25; No – 0; Abstain – 1
9. **Call to order – 5:36 PM**
   1. 40 present
10. **Approval of previous meeting minutes and last EBAC meeting minutes – 5:37 PM**
    1. Approved
11. **Executive Board Reports – 5:38 PM**
    1. Interim President & Vice President of Internal Affairs – 5:38 PM
       1. Community Review Board Appointment: Reviewed applications. Interviewed applicants. Appointed William M. Simurra, an Executive Masters in Public Administration graduate student.
       2. RGSO Renewals: The process is complete. The majority of our standing RGSOs successfully renewed. We gained a new non-departmental RGSO: the Defense Comptrollership Program Organization.
       3. GSO Policy Platform: The planned Resolution to update the GSO Policy Platform after conducting a periodic review will have to wait until early next Fall. Still awaiting adequate feedback on update recommendations.
    2. Vice President of External Affairs (Appendix B) – 5:40 PM
       1. [Please click here to view the report](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1o3m67aR6Mvl8jv0qLXuGA7akbStYrxL1/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115643812512734933403&rtpof=true&sd=true)
       2. Concluded at 5:51 PM
    3. Comptroller’s Report – 5:52 PM
       1. [Please click here to view the Comptroller’s Report](https://docs.google.com/document/d/13KuXSdCPUiDeDIFTz8IMrH5pWRFKGwLD/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112285142738440981670&rtpof=true&sd=true)
       2. Motion to extent report time by 15 minutes – Nicholas Pelletier (6:07 PM)
          1. Seconded; no objection
       3. Motion to approve the new budget structure – 6:16 PM
          1. Seconded by Alex Scrivner
12. **Motion establishing PAC Grant Priority – 6:18 PM**
13. **Motion to amend it to say “relative funding priority” – 6:26 PM (Dominic Wilkins)**
    1. “Wherever and whenever possible sounds binding” – Dominic Wilkins
    2. Passes with no objection
    3. Voting on motion – 6:32 PM
       1. Passes: 35 Yes, 2 No
14. **Defense Comptrollership Program Organization Startup Funding Request – 6:33 PM**
    1. [Please click here to view the full application](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CbnAd_0JDkJ0QhSjQWAeLlRoQ4NNMDj2/view?usp=sharing)
    2. Requesting the $300 in start-up funding
    3. Voting on the funding request – 6:42 PM
       1. Passed: 34 yes, 2 no
15. **Voting on the PAC Grant Motion – 6:43 PM**
    1. Motion was made by APS Dominic Wilkins at the March 29 meeting: "To prohibit the PAC Grant committee from considering letters of recommendation as part of the application process".
    2. The PAC Grant Committee reported back to the Senate that the committee had voted 9-2 to take out the recommendation letter from the PAC Grant application.
16. **Motion to amend the PAC Grant motion and add “and adopt a simple check-box system, submitted by the advisor” – 7:00 PM**
    1. Motioned by Michael Ammoury, Vice President of External Affairs
    2. Motion Failed
17. **Motion to add a line in the PAC Grant application that will forward the application to the student's advisor to let them know that their student applied to the PAC Grant – 7:21 PM**
    1. Motioned by CJ Arnell, APS Biology
    2. Motion Failed
18. **Motion to call to question the original motion – 7:31 PM**
    1. Passed: 33 Yes, 3 No, 0 Abstain
19. **New business – 7:33 PM**
    1. **ESF Unionization Campaign – 7:33 PM**
       1. Motion from ESF Senator delegation to authorize the following statement: “*We, the Syracuse University Graduate Student Organization (GSO), endorse the vision of the SUNY-ESF Research Assistants' Union (CWA Local #1104). We support their right to unionize as graduate student workers and to collectively bargain for improvements to their working conditions*.”
       2. Motion to amend the motion to include posting it to GSO social media channels – 7:38 PM
          1. Passed with no objections
       3. Motion unanimously passed – 36 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
    2. **GSO Senate Resolution 23.11: A Resolution Limiting the Purchase of Shrimp, Crab, and Lobster – 7:42 PM**
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       2. Motion to strike down “whereas…boiled alive” and crab clause – 7:55 PM
          1. Motion passed.
       3. Motion to add beef and cheese to the resolution – 7:58 PM
          1. Motion to refer the motion on adding beef and cheese to the Climate Action Committee – 8:04 PM
          2. Original motion adding beef and cheese retracted; Climate Action Committee will look into the matter.
       4. Resolution Passed: 25 yes, 7 No, 2 Abstain
    3. **GSO Senate Resolution 23.12: A Resolution to Revise the GSO Fiscal Policy – 8:22 PM** 
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       2. Vote on resolution as is – 8:43 PM
       3. Passed unanimously – 28 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain
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       2. Passed - 25 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain
    5. **Communications Secretary was charged to investigate access issues to the GSO Calendar**
    6. **Announcements and Remarks for the Record**
       1. Next Meeting May 3rd at 5:30pm on budget and elections
       2. EVP: Call for picnic volunteers
    7. **Motion to Adjourn – 9:05 pm**
    8. **Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm**