



Sep 6, 2023

Meeting Minutes – Author: Aboidun Adeoye

Executive Summary

On September 6, 2023, the GSO Senate convened for the first meeting of the 2023-2024 academic year. At the meeting, the Senate elected the three (3) secretaries who will serve for this academic year: Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Communications Secretary. The Senate also elected eight (8) new university senators, four (4) Senators-at-Large, and confirmed Roger Rosena as the new President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The full roster of the newly elected individuals and their position is below.

Executive Board Elections

Recording Secretary – Abiodun Adeoye

Financial Secretary – Aditee Malviya

Communications Secretary – Kalaya Sibley

University Senator Elections

Rashida Thomas

Andrea Sprague-Getsy

Adia Santos

Saladin Abuhamdiya

Egor Zhukov

Becca Vinciguerra

Felisa Ojadi-Kedigui

Prasad Ranka

Senators-at-Large Elections

Bertie Probyn

Pulak Jain

Fathima Sania Hasan

Venkata Yashwanth Yellapragada

President Pro Tempore of the Senate Confirmation

Roger Rosena



- **Approval of May 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes: 5:55 PM**
- **Motion to permit invited guests – 5:58 PM**
 - 21 Yes 0 No
- **Elections – 6:05 PM**
 - Recording Secretary – 6:01 PM
 - Daniel Kimmel nominates Abiodun Adeoye
 - Vote: 24 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain – 6:09 PM
 - Financial Secretary – 6:17 PM
 - Lavesh Jaykar
 - Aditee Malviya
 - Questions:
 - Melissa Alvisi: What is your experience with budgeting?
 - Alex Scrivener: What is your time availability?
 - Dominic Wilkins: What do you understand as the relationship between the executive board, the Senate, and the general GSO?
 - Vote: Aditee Malviya
 - **Communications Secretary – 6:25 PM**
 - Becca Vinciguerra
 - Kalaya Sibley
 - Fathima Sania Hasan
 - Valentina LaFranca
 - Questions:
 - Daniel Kimmel: What experience do you have managing press
 - APS MPA: What are your outreach strategies?
 - Alex Scrivener: Since there are already many events happening on campus, what type of content can we create that promotes graduate student life that is not already being done?
 - Vote: Kalaya Sibley
 - **University Senators – 6:35 PM**
 - Rashida Thomas
 - Andrea Sprague-Getsy
 - Adia Santos



- Saladin Abuhamdiya
- Egor Zhukov
- Becca Vinciguerra
- Felisa Ojadi-Kedigui
- Pulak Jain
- Prasad Ranka
- Questions:
 - Daniel Kimmel: In the past we have had issues with attendance. Will you show up? We need a strong voting bloc in the university senate. Along with showing up, how will you work with the president and one another to represent the graduate students at the university level so we can get done all the things you want to get done?
 - Kalaya Sibley: What would be the first thing you focus on?
- Vote: everyone except Pulak Jain
- **Senators at Large – 7:50 PM**
 - Bertie Probyn
 - Pulak Jain
 - Fathima Sania Hasan
 - Venkata Yashwanth Yellapragada
 - Votes – 8:01 PM
 - All voted in
- **Confirmation Hearing – 8:11 PM**
 - Roger Rosena for President Pro Tempore of the Senate
 - Vote: 32 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain
- **Motion to limit executive, committee, and other reports to 15 minutes per report for the present and future meetings for the 2023-2024 academic year**
 - Vote: 32 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain
- **Executive Reports – 8:25 PM**
 - President's Report – 8:27 PM
 - See report here
 - Motion: "Do you want the Executive Board to work to reverse this decision?"



- Vote: 29 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions
- Vice President of Internal Affairs – 8:57 PM
 - State of the Committees:
 - State of the RSOs
 - 37 Academic; 27 in good standing
 - 16 non academic; 10 in good standing
 - Call for Parliamentarian
- Vice President of External Affairs – 9:02 PM
- Comptroller’s Report – 9:11 PM
 - Concluded at 9:22 PM
- **Announcements and Remarks for the Record – 9:24 PM**
 - Kieran Taylor: No mindfulness-based stress reduction program for graduate students this semester.
- **Next meeting is on October 4, 2023 at Maxwell Auditorium at 5:30 PM**
- **Motion to adjourn the meeting – 9:26 PM**