



**GSO Senate
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 | 5:30pm - 9pm EST**

On Wednesday, March 6, 2024, the GSO Senate convened for the sixth Regular Senate Meeting for the 2023-2024 academic year in HBC Kittredge Auditorium. The Senate passed three resolutions: [Resolution 24.05](#): A Resolution to Amend the GSO Constitution (Recommendations of the R&A Constitutional Convention), Resolution 24.08, and Resolution 24.09. The Senate also approved \$3,000 in special funding requests for three Registered Graduate Student Organizations. The next meeting will be in Lyman Hall Room 132 on April 3, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

Call to Order (5:41PM).....CJ Arnell (Chair).
Quorum Reached (20)
View agenda [here](#).

Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes (5:44 PM).....CJ Arnell (Chair).
Approved without correction
View previous meeting’s minutes [here](#).

Land Acknowledgement & Opening Remarks (5:45 PM).....CJ Arnell (Chair)

Begin Senate Proceedings

- **Special Guests (5:50 PM)**.....Open Floor
 - Syracuse Statement on Freedom of Expression: Working Group Form.....Daniel K.
 - Full presentation [here](#).

Old Business (6:07 PM)

- **[Resolution 24.05](#): A Resolution to Amend the GSO Constitution (Recommendations of the R&A Constitutional Convention) (6:07 PM)**.....CJ Arnell (Chair)
 - Motion to amend GSO S.R. 24.05: Motion to add the text: “Meetings will last no longer than three hours from when the meeting is called to order;” to the end of Article II Section 13(f) of the revised Constitution presented in GSO S.R. 24.05”
 - Discussion:
 - Joe Beckmann (6:08 PM): “This motion simply restricts us; I move to call the question.” Seconded



- *Vote result: NOT APPROVED 11 Yes, 19 No, 2 Abstain*
- *Motion to strike the text: “or who miss three meetings total” and “attendance shall be understood as the Senator being present for the majority of the Meeting’s duration.”*
 - *Andrea Sprague-Getsy (6:12 PM): “I move to call the question”; Seconded*
 - *Vote result: NOT APPROVED 13 Yes, 17 No, 1 Abstain*
- *Motion to amend: GSO S.R. 24.05: Motion to add the text: “Amendments to Resolutions to Amend the Constitution also require a ¾ vote,” in Article VI Section 3 of the revised Constitution presented in GSO S.R. 24.05*
 - *Vote result: APPROVED 18 Yes, 8 No, 2 Abstain*
- *Motion to Amend: GSO S.R. 24.05: Motion to add the text in the*
 - *Vote result: APPROVED 24 Yes, 4 No, 5 Abstain*
- *Jocelyn McKinnon-Crowley, APS Mass Communications: Motion to add the text “the Agenda shall be sent no later than 3 business days in advance of a scheduled GSO Senate Meeting,”*
 - *Discussion:*
 - *Daniel J. Kimmel, President (6:39 PM): “May I recommend that the Rules and Administration Committee waive its own right for this to be sent back to it?”*
 - *3 minute stand-at-ease*
 - *(6:41 PM) Rules and Administration Committee waives right to review the motion*
 - *Vote result (within the committee): 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain*
 - *Joe Beckmann, APS Mathematics: Motion to call the motion to question*
 - *Vote result: APPROVED 14 yes, 2 no, 2 Abstain*
 - *Full Motion Vote (6:44 PM)*
 - *Vote result: APPROVED 14 Yes, 2 No, 7 Abstain*
- *Roger Rosena, President Pro Tempore: “I move to call the resolution to question”*
 - *Vote Result: APPROVED 14 Yes, 2 No, 3 Abstain*
- *Full Resolution Vote (6:50 PM)*
 - *Vote Result: APPROVED 25 Yes, 4 No, 3 Abstain*

New Business (6:58 PM)

- *Resolution 24.08.....CJ Arnell*
 - *Discussion*
 - *Jocelyn: Could someone explain the process of inviting guests?*
 - *CJ: The GSO executive board and the president have the power to invite speakers.”*
 - *President: “The current standing procedure is that anyone who is not a graduate student has to be permitted access into the chamber by majority*



vote. In the past, we had to vote at the meeting and that took up a lot of time.”

- Full vote on resolution
 - **Vote result: APPROVED 17 Yes, 7 No, 7 Abstain**
- Resolution 24.09.....
 - Discussion
 - Daniel Kimmel, President: some things for the Senate to keep in mind. One of the primary reasons this was rejected is because there are only currently \$6000 left in special programming budget line so this funding request would eat up the rest of our funds unless the Comptroller successfully gets carry forward, the second consideration is that this is an honor society so by nature it is not open to all students in their department. All students in their program are already funded through the school of education RGSO so they are receiving funds through that. There is a policy that the number of graduate students being served shall be taken into consideration and this supresses that. I recommend that the senate vote this resolution down, which would sustain the ruling by the Finance committee and the executive board. Sustaining this would not take out the RGSO's ability to resubmit a revised version of this. I have been working with them to see a more cost effective model for this.
 - Full Resolution Vote: **NOT APPROVED 5 Yes, 21 No, 4 Abstain**
 - Motion by Becca Vincierra, External VP (7:10 PM): to allow the Director of External Affairs to purchase shrimp for the Senate Appreciation event occurring May 3, 2024.
 - Discussion
 - Jocelyn McCrowley, APS Mass Communications (7:11 PM): Could we get any indication that ethical sourcing has been used in acquiring shellfish for this event?
 - Response by Becca here
 - Andrea Sprague-Getsy, APS: I think we should respect what the Senate ruled and see if there are vegetarian options available.
 - Daniel Kimmel, President: Motion to refer the motion to the Climate Action Committee. Seconded by Roger Rosena, President Pro Tempore
 - **Vote result: APPROVED 25 Yes, 1 No, 3 Abstain**
 - Jocelyn McKinnon-Crowley, APS Mass Communications: Motion to suspend the rules temporarily to move to special funding requests
 - Vote result: **APPROVED 28 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain**

Special Funding Requests (7:25 PM)

- [MFT Trans Team](#) (requesting \$300)
 - Vote result: **APPROVED 30 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain**
- [Black Graduate Student Association](#) (requesting \$1900)



- *Vote result: APPROVED 25 Yes, 2 No, 1 Abstain*
- *Iranian Graduate Student Association* (requesting \$800)
 - *Vote result: APPROVED 27 Yes, 2 No, 1 Abstain*

Executive Board Reports (7:37 PM)

- *President’s Report*
- *Vice President of Internal Affairs*
 - *State of the Senate:*
 - *Confirmed Senate Seats:*
 - *39 (147) Academic Program Senators*
 - *5 (10) University Senators*
 - *6 (10) At-Large Senator*
 - *Representation:*
 - *3922 Full-time, main campus graduate students*
 - *1749 students currently represented (44.59%)*
 - *State of the RSOs*
 - *Academic: 27 total, 25 in good standing*
 - *Non-academic: 23 total, 22 in good standing*
- *Director of External Affairs*
 - *View report [here](#).*
- *GSO Comptroller*
 - *View report [here](#).*

Elections (7:56 PM)

- *None - skipped*

Announcements and Remarks for the Records (7:56 PM).....Open Floor

- *Motion to read a statement, Jocelyn McKinnon-Crowley, APS Mass Communications*
 - *Motion passes – 21 Yes, 2 No, 3 Abstain*
- *President thanks all members of the Senate who are still present. Thanks Parliamentarian, Pro Tempore, and Chair for the 34 hours they put into the Rules and Administration processes for the resolution just passed today.*
- *Bertram Probyn would like to acknowledge that the meeting was exactly 3 hours and 30 minutes long.*
- *Next meeting will be in Lyman 132 on April 3, 2024 at 5:30 PM.*

Motion to adjourn (7:58 PM).....CJ Arnell.