



General meeting:

1. President call to order
2. Roll call by Secretary
 - Quorum: Yes
3. Review and approval of meeting minutes from January 15, 2014
 - Motion to Approve Minutes from January 15, 2014: Becky Meissner
 - Second: Owen Hunter
 - Unanimously approved

Old Business:

1. Budget Report and Inn Complete Outstanding Bill (Treasurer)
 - Total available in GSA budget (unallocated): \$474
 - Social (Owen): As discussed during our last meeting, the Committee can put \$300 to pay the Inn Complete's bill. There won't be enough funds to restore the TG cut during the initial Fall budget allocation, but the Committee is planning new events for this semester.
 - Speakers (Mat): The Committee had \$250 to spend; of which quite a bit could be contributed. I hoped we could bring a speaker from Ericka Gruber for the Standing on the Shoulders of Giants series, but the cost is \$10,000, which we cannot afford. Craig: maybe the Committee could look into potential speakers at SU, whose work could overlap with ESF's work.

- International (Natalia): The Committee spent \$1,000 on International Night. OIGS collaborated with \$250, to be discounted from the total. Additionally, there are \$100 allocated for reimbursements, which have not been claimed yet. Considering the net cost of \$670+reimbursements, and a budget of \$600-700 estimated for a New International big event to be held in February; the Committee should have \$150-200 to collaborate with the bill. We will have the final number after the event, at the end of February.
 - Professional (Tom): The Committee spent \$100 during the fall semester, the rest of the budget will be spent this semester; and there might be \$150 extra, but we won't be sure until March.
 - Grants (Silvia on behalf of John): The Committee's budget has been allocated as planned, however the awarded Grants have not been claimed yet, and the deadline to claim them is in February. By the end of February, the committee will know if there are any unspent funds.
 - Natalia: Is there a deadline to pay this bill? Scott: The Inn's manager did not give us any deadline and was satisfied with our commitment to pay the bill.
 - GSA Senate will re-visit this topic near the end of February (possibly on the 26th), when Committees will have a clear idea of unspent funds.
2. Morning Munch with President Wheeler (Craig): date and time for this meeting have not been decided yet
 3. Insurance (Craig)
 - Insurance was paid to the Office of Students Affairs, as agreed in the past
 - The GSA President will meet with the USA President and Laura Crandall to see if they are open to re-negotiate the GSA's contribution to Insurance
 4. DREAM Project Speed Dating Fundraiser: the group interested in hosting this event is not sure yet

New Business:

1. SU GSO (Melissa Keskin):
 - Shuttles: SU GSO is looking into adding extra rides from Caz Limo during peak times (e.g: Nob Hill)
 - Minimum wage: SU GSO will set a minimum for TAs stipends in \$1,300
 - Upcoming events
 1. Syracuse Silver Knights vs. Milwaukee Wave, Professional Men's Indoor Soccer League at the OnCenter, Friday Feb. 7, 7:30 - 10:30 pm

2. Syracuse Crunch vs. Utica Comets, Minor League hockey at the OnCenter, Friday Feb. 21, 7 - 10 pm
 3. Contact gsoexternalvp@syr.edu or stop by the SU GSO office during office hours for tickets. Office hours can be found here: <http://gradorg.syr.edu/>
 - o SU GSO will not sponsor tickets for Mayfest for SU students, but will consider sponsoring tickets for ESF Grads
2. Student Life (Scott)
 - o The Board is planning on having December Convocation a week later than usual, given its current inconsistency with the academic calendar. Until now, the December Convocation occurred during the Exams Period; the idea is to have it once the exams are over. There is some concern about it being too close to the Christmas Holiday, but in general there is enough time after the Exams period.
 - o Do we have a position about it? (Scott) After finals would be better (Emily)
 - o All Senators agree on that having the December Convocation a week later, once the exams period is over would be better
 3. Social Committee: Upcoming Events
 - o Beyond Food: presentation on Healthy Eating and Cooking by Jo Anne Ellis. There might be a raffle (Price: cook book). February 10th, Moon 110 at 5:30pm.
 - o Winterfest Culinary Cruise (Saturday, February 15th 12-4pm): the Syracuse Winterfest is held yearly in downtown Syracuse. This festival lasts two weeks and comprises numerous events. The Social Committee is planning to do the Culinary Cruise, a table hopping tour, where participating restaurants downtown offer samples of appetizers, entrees and/or desserts. Tickets are \$5 and the Committee plans to sponsor a small number of tickets. There are also Hurricane and Martini Tours occurring at the same time.
 4. Miscellaneous
 - o Natalia: There is a group of students (in a class I TA) who are planning a big event and would like help from GSA to promote it. So I was wondering if we need to vote this kind of matter, or how should someone interested in help from GSA to promote approach us? Craig: Anyone interested can attend our meetings and bring any kind of topic
 - o Public interest (Craig): keep the access to the panel open (Southeast corner of the GSA Office)

5. Adjourn the meeting

- Motion to adjourn the meeting: Natalia Cagide
- Second: Owen Hunter
- Unanimously approved

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- Beyond FOOD: February 10th, Moon 110 at 5:30pm
- Winterfest Culinary Cruise: February 15th, Downtown Syracuse 12-4pm
- Syracuse Silver Knights vs. Milwaukee Wave, Friday Feb. 7, 7:30 - 10:30 pm (SU GSO)
- Syracuse Crunch vs. Utica Comets, Friday Feb. 21, 7 - 10 pm (SU GSO)

Attendance:

GSA Senate

1. Craig Lazzar
2. Natalia Cagide
3. Tom Taggart
4. Owen Hunter
5. Matt Regan
6. Eileen Leon
7. Ely Margolis
8. Melisa Keskin
9. Chris Foelker
10. Hope Ansanelli
11. Emily Handelman
12. Becky Meissner
13. Stacey Mack
14. Veronica Gonzalez
15. Silvia Saldivar
16. Yunyun Bi
17. N. Scott Bergey
18. Rigo Melgar
19. Doug Morrison