



Reminders

- How to properly conduct a pageant wave, performed by Laura Bartok: Elbow, elbow, wrist, wrist, touch the pearls, flip the hair, switch arms, and repeat.

Summary

During the GSA meeting on October 8, 2014, we made edits to the bylaws, and discussed: purchasing tassels for GSA senators for graduation, the strategic planning meeting, energy infrastructure construction/development on campus, the faculty governance committee on student life meeting, and bike safety committee updates.

General meeting

1. President call to order
2. Roll call by Secretary
 - o Quorum: yes
3. Review and approval of meeting minutes from
 - o Motion to Approve Minutes: Eugene Law
 - o Second: Laura Bartock
 - o Unanimously approved

New Business

1. Tassels for graduating seniors

- Ely Margolis: recognition for serving on GSA for soon-to-be graduates. Pricing: \$4-5 per tassel if we do a bulk order. We'd still need to look into colors so we don't conflict with other societies and organizations.
- Scott Bergey: Not sure if this will be feasible by December, but may be possible by Spring 2015 semester.
- Colin Bragg: Seems acceptable to ask senate members to pay \$5 for their tassels, especially if they get to keep them afterwards.
- Table this for now – look into what colors are already taken by other organizations and get final pricing.

2. Strategic Planning Meeting Debrief

- Scott Bergey: 6 major topics laid out by President Wheeler on the website, most interested in feedback from students in regards to “what are the right questions for ESF moving forward?”
 - Curriculum changes may occur from strategic planning
- Scott Bergey: Does anyone know about the original plan for the new biology building?
 - Was originally going onto Standart lot, but the land-swap with SU is not cost effective.
 - An idea for this would be to make the building ‘thin’ and build it on the quad in front of Illick Hall. It would not take up the entire space of the quad.
 - Eugene Law: wouldn't the best idea be to design the building for the land that's there?
 - That was the first option and seems least disruptive, the Illick/Quad idea is extremely preliminary.
- Negotiations about SU fees – grad students are willing to keep it and potentially pay more to keep the services that SU provides our students.

- Trying to make ties with SU friendlier so it's not as much as a business transaction, but rather, establish a friendly working relationship between the schools.
 - December 2014 is the soft deadline to gather ideas

 - Alex Poisson: changing the name of college to university in the SUNY ESF name
 - Veronica Gonzalez: At a previous university, the name change from college to university helped her university financially and garnered more attention from potential students.
3. Faculty Government Committee on Research update (Laura Bartock)
- Interested in increasing mentorship between faculty members. The meeting was focused on older faculty giving advice to younger faculty members, and focusing on collaborating on grant writing.
4. Energy infrastructure discussion (Terra Rentz)
- Our infrastructure is very out of date, we need a new transformer system
 - For students, this means there will be systematic building shut downs during the spring and summer (affecting: Marshall hall, Bray hall, Moon library, and Illick hall)
 - Illick hall will be shut down for two weeks during the summer, and will affect research that needs continuous power.
5. Faculty governance committee on student life (Eugene Law)
- Update on college hour resolution
 1. Expansion on time for college hour, and potentially making college hour an every day occurrence. This will coincide with academic reset, but this is likely not going to take place Spring 2015 as once expected.
 - Other topics to discuss: alcohol policy, student handbook (code of conduct, etc.), December convocation (whether to have one in the future—light attendance), diversity office issues (hiring freeze), and enrollment (increasing enrollment vs overcrowding).

1. Alex Poisson: undergrads are concerned about the increase in tuition.
 2. Colin Bragg: are current students grandfathered in?
 3. Eugene Law: In regards to being grandfathered in, probably not.
6. Bike Safety Committee (Becky Meissner)
- Curb will be lowered by Illick.
 - Next summer, the intersection of Comstock and Euclid will be fixed.
 - This fall, on Sims Dr, there will be strips painted to indicate it's a bike lane which will be extended to the first block of Euclid avenue.
 - Becky Meissner as GSA representative to bike safety committee.
 1. Motion to approve: Alex Poisson
 2. Second: Eugene Law
 3. Unanimously approved
7. Bylaws amendments
- Carry-over amendments from last spring:
 1. Scott: Do we want to have it in the bylaws that we roll over money for new activities in the beginning of the semester?
 1. \$300 for orientation activities
 2. If this is to be approved, does social have to pay twice for orientation this year?
 1. No, last year the social committee paid for their Orientation events, then the \$300 for this year was rolled over to this year's Senate from last year's General Fund
 2. Edit to bylaws in section 5.1 and 9 (add allocation of funds at the end of the year to cover expenses for orientation week activities for x amount of dollars.
 3. Jay Wason: May be easier to just put in section 9
 4. Motion to add sentence "Each year the Social Activities Committee shall budget \$X to be rolled over to the following

year's Social Activities Committee for Orientation Week Events." to **IX.F.** Motion to Approve: Laura Bartock

5. Second: Rick Joseph
6. Unanimously approved

******EDIT 10/22/14 GSA Meeting (NSB): After consultation with Social VP Eileen Leon, who was absent with Proxy at 10/8/14 meeting, this Amendment was removed from the Bylaws, and the motion was tabled until a later date, as further discussion is needed on the topic.******

- New Amendment Proposals (Scott Bergey) (to be included as one motion)
 1. **I.A.13:** change "both the president and the incoming Senator" to "the incoming President"
 2. **I.B.7:** change "processes" to "process"
 3. **I.I.2:** remove "and the ESF Student Events Calendar"
 1. Ely would prefer for VP's to add events to GSA Google calendar since they tend to know further in advance than he does, but keeping the wording of Webmaster 'maintaining and organizing the calendar' is still appropriate
 4. **III.C.3:** remove comma
 5. **V.G.1:** remove bullet iii. (Constitution should be distributed each year regardless of review year)
 6. **V.H.1.iii:** remove "that must be decided prior to the next scheduled meeting"
 7. **VII.4.ii.c:** remove
 8. **VII.5.ii:** change "communities" to "community's"
 9. Any oppositions to amendments:
- Motion to approve all proposed amendments: Laura Bartock
- Second: Hayley Kopelson
- Unanimously approved
- Potential amendments (to be revisited in Final Meeting)
 1. **I.D.5:** May want to change the wording to reflect GSA's 2+ year desire and negotiations to ensure that SoSR is not a GSA event, only help. May wait to edit this when Stacey

Mack is present since she is current VP of Prof Dev and was on GSA Senate 2 years ago when this issue was being contested.

2. III.C.2: Should it be stated during nominations/elections whether it is a voting/nonvoting year for this GSA position?
 1. Eugene thinks we should make that information accessible and the current Board of Trustees rep should be aware, that going into the position, that it may or may not be their year to vote
 2. Scott: no change to be made at this point
3. VII.3.ii: Objectives taken from VP responsibilities? Particularly point 'd. Constitute and chair committee'

Committee Updates

- Speakers: Speaker is coming in on Thursday 10/16/14. Dr. Walsdorf – nature as a spiritual force in our lives. GSA sponsored.
- Social: Trip to Abbott Farms on 10/18/14
 1. Halloween TG is on 10/31/14 with prizes for costume categories
 2. GSA members eligible for prizes? Will discuss at next social meeting.
- Professional Development: No updates. Will be in contact with Dorlan Curtis regarding OIGS co-sponsorship of “Everything you need to know to defend” event
- Grants and Awards: Travel grant applications due next week - should send a reminder out on facebook and through email
- International: Multi-cultural panel meeting and discussion next Tuesday 10/14/14
- International night date is not set yet

Motion to adjourn: Laura Bartock

Second: Colin Bragg

Unanimously approved

Upcoming events

- Board of trustees meeting is next week on 10/17/14 (Friday) – Eugene Law would like to hear concerns or comments so that he may bring them to the meeting. Strategic planning is a topic he will discuss.

AttendanceGSA Senate

1. Scott Bergey President
2. Jonathan Masih Das VP Grants and Awards
3. YunYun Bi VP of International Activities
4. Stacey Mack VP of Professional Development (Zach Lefaver as proxy)
5. Eileen Leon VP of Social Activities (Harry Nugent as proxy)
6. Forrest Baird VP of Speakers and Presentations (Becky Meissner as proxy)
7. Hayley Kopelson Secretary
8. Alison Oakes Treasurer (arrived late)
9. Ian McColl SU GSO Representative
10. Keshav Sauba SU GSO Representative
11. Peter Kwon SU GSO Representative (not present)
12. Leanna Kirschen –Environmental Studies Representative
13. Colin Bragg – SCME representation
14. Emily Handelmann Landscape Architecture Representative
15. Xolile Maphanga ERE Representative
16. Emma Putman – PBE representative (Abigail McMinch as proxy)
17. Veronica Gonzalez FNRM Representative (I)
18. Becky Fuda Environmental Forest Biology Representative (I) (not present)
19. Jay Wason Environmental Forest Biology Representative (II)
20. Environmental Studies Representative
21. Terra Rentz EFB(III)
22. Mirian Calderon Environmental Science Representative (I) (not present)
23. Laura Bartock Environmental Science Representative (II)
24. Rick Joseph Chemistry Representative (left at 1:37pm)
25. Doug Morrison Faculty Advisor
26. Eugene Law – Board of Trustees
27. Ely Margolis – Webmaster
28. Alex Poisson - USA representative