



Reminders:

- Next Meeting is Wednesday, March 6th 12:45-1:45,
- A new EFB Representative is needed to take Brent Johnson's place.
- The Speaker Series Committee is looking for help with their events if anyone has the spare time.
- Put your committee's events on the GSA calendar to keep from having overlapping events!

General meeting:

1. President call to order
2. Roll call by Secretary
3. Review and approval of meeting minutes from 2/6/2013
 - o Changes submitted by Whitney LM to change BYOB to Alcohol Policy, faculty was specified as graduate coordinators etc.
 - o Motion to Approve Minutes: John Wiley
 - o Second: David Schmidt
 - o Unanimously Approved

Old Business:

1. Overview of Accessory Credit Student Forum from 2/6 (Owen H.)
 - o Current grad students and grad students entering this fall will get 15 credit hours that they can use toward their total duration of their degree (Masters or PHD). Students going to Maxwell are exempt from this because their course load

consists of required SU credits. Students can officially audit courses and use your credit hours to officially audit courses at SU. At registration time, emails will be sent out to students to remind them of these changes, new students will be told at their registration orientation. ESF will keep track of the credit hours, not Myslice. There will be some restricted courses and some that will never be restricted (this is based on high volume/required courses for SU students). Must talk to the associate provost if you would like to petition for additional credit hours.

Additional credit hours can be bought for \$340/CH – paid on myESF tuition bill.

2. USA Updates (Owen H.)

- Primitive Pursuits clubs needs graduate student chaperones. Earth Week planning committee wants to know if GSA has any events planned during Earth Week and if so to let them know. Email Greg Kronisch at grkronis@syr.edu for any Earth Week events. USA is interested in combined events, possibly a workshop for undergrads with a panel of grads on how to get into grad school, how to get jobs after your bachelors, etc. The new Gateway Trailhead Café will try to showcase local, vegan and vegetarian food. The main contact for the corporation running the Trailhead Café is Shannon Richard at richars@morrisville.edu. The space is small so they will need to offer paper plates since there is no room for a dishwasher. There will be a committee forming to discuss plans for the café like: composting, menu, hours, special events, food allergies/restrictions, etc. Meeting time and place are TBD. Let Owen know if you would like to be on the committee for that, and someone from the international student rights panel would be great. March 18th is the current planned opening day for the café. Goldstein has restaurant style catering from 11-3 on weekdays. Yearbook photos are due next Monday for the group club photo for GSA to be put into the undergraduate yearbook.

3. Amendments to bylaws: Review of Amendments and Next Steps for approval (Whitney LM)

- Committee would like to thank Scott for putting so much time into his edits of the Bylaws. The Bylaws as they stand have not been edited for verb-tense/grammar, that is the next step in editing. Dean Lombard will be helping with those edits in this next round.
- **Executive and Annual Reports**-So that committees are planning ahead, all the committees will need to submit an executive report that will be put into the President's annual report including a budget that will be stored online and in student affairs. This is in preparation for being audited in the future. This is not only the duty of the committee Vice President, all members should be working on keeping track of what events were done and what money was spent during the year as well as helping to get all documentation to the committee Vice President.

1. Scott did a similar report last year and will send around a template. There is also an event sheet that can be worked off of, it would help summarize high and low points of events. Utilize the newly renovated website and the GSA Gmail account. We want to keep these things up to date/going in preparation for future years.
- **Online Archives**-The design to the website is coming along but needs work, if the committee heads or anyone interested can get together for a few hours to finalize the website design. This will make it easier to just update the website for anyone that comes into the Website Manager position in the future. Lindsey will set up a doodle poll, send Whitney LM an email if you are interested in helping.
 1. Lindsey-Is there any way to download adobe to the GSA Senate computer? This would help anyone making fliers in the future to reuse old fliers. John-I have been told that the school will not provide it anymore, need to buy it. Steve-Could also find a way to link to the computer in the GSA Office, can be done through the CNS office. Whitney LM will put together an email to send to CNS.
- **Attendance and Participation Policies**-One issue was putting more detail into the bylaws to make sure that students in the future are involved. How to make sure elected members of the senate have done what they were elected to do. There was formerly no official process to hold students accountable. One example of what we would like to have in the new bylaws- Senate member may be excused from meetings if they have a scheduled class conflict. It was formerly written in the bylaws to have a proxy, but we are thinking of only requiring it if there is a vote on the table. If anyone has ideas on the “proxy process” please let us know.
 1. A mandatory proxy is a great idea, it may be difficult for each person to have an individual proxy and too daunting for each newly elected GSA Senate Member to need to delegate a proxy. If we have a pool of proxies that are on a permanent or rotating basis, it would let them stay informed without causing a problem with absences during votes.
 2. Want to have a completed draft of the bylaws to vote into commission next meeting.

New Business:

1. Committee Updates
 - Speaker: Tomorrow, Adaptive Peaks speaker. Last week’s Noon in Moon was great but had a lower turnout than hoped for, please do your best to come to these events and tell others. Another landscape Architecture student may be presenting at the end of the semester.
 - Social: Chili Cook-Off this weekend, sign up to bring food. For BYO, can bring 2x 12oz beer bottles or 2x mini wine bottles. Anyone not drinking does not need to be IDed. Keep an eye out for people drinking without wrist bracelets. EVENT

STARTS AT 6. Dean Lombard and Doug Morrison will be there. USA and Faculty Governance would like to do an event in the gateway center, a larger mixer, on April 12th. This event is still in the planning stages.

- Professional Development: Event next week, mixed faculty and student panel on candidacy exams and/or capstone and dissertations. April 10th Spotlight on Student Research. Kelly is also organizing an event on careers after graduate school. Elevator Pitch and Research Mixer****. The “Ready for Publication” event on March 20th needs another student panelist.
- Grants and Awards: Travel Grants due March 1st, Research grants due 27th of March, announcement will go up tomorrow. Workshop for research grants is next Wednesday, fliers should be up soon. Research grants will need reviewers, let committee members know if you would be willing to review grants. Mention grant reviewing to faculty etc. to get some interest, there would be free food for volunteers. There is no set time to meet yet. Michelle and Whitney LM expressed interest. The travel grants will be worth \$250, and research grants \$500.
- International: Event last night went well, had about 35 attendees. Was useful and the students got a lot out of it. March 24th, 6pm-9pm will be International Night. In past surveys there hasn’t been a huge turnout of non-international students, asking that everyone in GSA Senate plan to attend this year.
- GPES Rep-There were only two attendees at the most recent “GPES Listening Session”, possibly due to problems with list serve. Kelly shared the GSA surveys with faculty members that were in attendance. The rest of the meeting was about strategies to help GPES students unite under departmental connections. Kelly and Ari offered to be Reps in departmental meetings as well, if needed. It was noted in the meeting that the same survey was given to other departments for comparison. This issue first arose when some GPES students expressed concern for disorganization of GPES department at a GSA Senate meeting and GSA was the first group to ask what the specific problems were.
- Scott-GSO Fees-Met with David Dzwonkowski, he looked at the document distributed last meeting. Says fee can be considered a broad-based fee or a campus fee (campus fees are much easier to change), President Murphy is in charge of determining whether this is a campus fee. If he does not think it to be one, it will then be considered a broad-based fee. The negotiation of this fee does seem to fall to GSA Senate, although it is still somewhat ambiguous. If we have a way to engage the student body openly, it would make things easier on Dave Dzwonkowski’s end. If it does not get addressed earlier, can address it along with the elections at the end of the semester.

Upcoming events:

- Feb 21-Dr. Patricia Wright from Stony Brook University, Adaptive Peaks talks are at 4pm in Illick 5.
- Sunday Feb. 24: Chili/Cornbread Cook-off (Social)

- Wednesday February 27, 12:45-1:50 Preparing Your Defense, Capstone, or Candidacies (Prof. Dev.)
- Wednesday, Feb. 27th at 3:30pm in Moon 19, Research Grant Workshop.
- Friday, March 1: Travel Grant Applications Due.
- Friday, March 1: Ice Skating at Tennity Pavilion and TG at the Inn Complete
- Wednesday 3/6, 12:45-1:50pm GSA Senate Meeting
- March 10-17, Spring Break
 - Due to our meetings falling both before and after Spring Break week, our next meeting will tentatively be Wednesday March 27th.

Attendance:

GSA Senate

Whitney Lash Marshall
Stacey Mack
David Schmidt
Lindsey Perez
Ari Engelberg
Jes Bouchard
John Wiley
Kat Devillbiss
Owen Hunter
Matt Regan
Abbie Larkin
Scott Sveiven
Michelle Heirholzer
Kelly Ramos Bancroft
Emily Hughes
Whitney Carleton
Brent Johnson
Alex Levine
Steve Balogh
Tom Taggart
Doug Morrison
Craig Lazzar

Guests

Jonathan Masih Das