



Reminders:

- Next meeting will be on March 19th, after Spring Break
- Nominations for next year's senate will be open from March 3rd until March 22nd at <http://www.esfgsa.com/nominations.html>

General meeting:

1. President call to order
2. Roll call by Secretary
 - o Quorum - Yes
3. Review and approval of meeting minutes from February 12th, 2014
 - o Motion to Approve Minutes from February 12th, 2014: Owen Hunter
 - o Second: Silvia Saldivar
 - o Unanimously approved

Old Business:

1. Budget Report and Inn Complete's outstanding bill
 - o Craig: Allison informed that the total available budget is as estimated during the fall semester, with no extra funds available from new students.
 - o Committees budget report

1. Social: as previously stated, the Committee can offer \$300 to contribute with the payment of the outstanding bill
 2. Speakers and Presentations: This Committee can contribute with up to \$500 to pay for the bill
 3. Professional Development: The Committee may have \$200 of available funds, but we cannot confirm until contributions from Departments for the Spotlight in Research are confirmed
 4. International: The Committee has \$170 available, plus \$200 that should come from the CSSA. However, we would like to host an additional event, if the budget allows for it
- Discussion
 1. Craig: should we re-discuss this at a later time, maybe next meeting?
 2. We have postponed this for a while now and since the funds are available, we should try to vote on it now (Eileen)
 3. Scott: We have to place the next order at the Inn Complete next week and it would be great to have the bill paid or in process by then
 - Contributions from the Professional Development Committee cannot be confirmed at this point, for which, funds from Social Committee, International Committee and Speakers Committee will be used to cover the Inn Complete's bill
 - Motion to approve the payment of \$1013,85 to the Inn Complete
 1. Motion to approve the payment of \$1013,85 to the Inn Complete with \$300 coming from the Social Committee, \$370 coming from the International Committee, and \$343,85 from the Speakers Committee: Owen Hunter
 2. Second: Scott Bergey
 3. Unanimously approved
 4. The Treasurer is approved to disperse funds to the Inn Complete as indicated above, and the Vice Presidents will adjust their respective budgets accordingly.

New Business:

1. Elections
 - Timeline (Ely):

1. Announcement: Monday, March 3rd
 2. Self-Nomination Period: March 3th - March 22nd
 3. Voting Period: March 31st - April 6th
 4. Last day of classes: April 29th
 5. Announcement of the new Senate: During the Last TG of the academic year, May 2nd
- o Department Representatives
 1. As indicated in the GSA Bylaws, departments should have 1 representative per 50 students as determined by enrollment during the election period.
 2. Major change from last year: the Forest and Natural Resources Management Department will no longer have two representatives. Due to decreased graduate student enrollment in the department, there will only be one representative from FNRM in the GSA Senate 2014-15
 3. The remaining departments will maintain their current level of representation. Each department will have one representative except for GPES and EFB, which will have 2 and 3 representatives, respectively
 4. Count of students and representatives per department is detailed below.

Department	Count of Students	Representatives
Chemistry	40	1
Env. Forest Biology	133	3
Env. Resources Eng.	46	1
Env. Studies	14	1
GPES	96	2
Forestry	47	1
Landscape Arch.	44	1
Paper & Bioprocessing Eng.	38	1
Sus. Const. Management	13	1
Total	471	12

- o Elections Committee:
 1. Ely will take care of the website setup for nominations and the announcement. Additionally, he will take a look at the GSA archive to search for flyers from past years.

2. Contacting ITS for them to set up My ESF: The Secretary will contact ITS and let them know about the timeline.
- Self-nominations during the St Patrick's TG (March 21st):
 1. The Social Committee is planning on advertising elections during the next TG (Eileen). That will be very close to end of the nomination process (Ely) Maybe someone should take a laptop for people to nominate themselves during the TG (Tom)
2. GSA/GSO Grant Integration
 - Travel Grants for MPS (Craig): There is concern about the GSA grants not favoring MPS students, as "presenting at a conference" is a requisite for eligibility. A solution for this could be merging with GSO Grants, which have opportunities for MPS students.
 - John: GSA Travel Grants are limited to graduate students presenting their research at conferences or attending standalone workshops for their professional development. MPS students who only wish to attend a conference are not eligible to apply for GSA Travel Grants. MPS students attending workshops are encouraged to apply. Forward to me any questions or concerns about GSA grants.
 - Eileen: ESF students are eligible to apply to GSO grants; therefore, it wouldn't make sense to merge them with GSA grants, as that would only benefit SU students. GSO grants are financed through the GSO Student Fee that ESF students already pay for.
 3. ITS Camera issue:
 - Some classrooms on campus maintain live cameras, which are viewed by ITS personnel at all times. These cameras exist to insure that ITS equipment is functioning and allow for remote maintenance and troubleshooting.
 - The Faculty Governance Committee wants to know if the GSA would like to convey any questions or concerns you have about this <http://www.esf.edu/facgov/officers.htm>
 - Location of the Cameras
 1. Where are the cameras located? (Becky)
 2. Craig: We have no information about where the cameras are. This is something that I could try to find out. Since the cameras are set to detect malfunctions in the equipment, they are probably located in Baker Lab, where the smart classrooms are.

3. It would be great to have disclosed information about all the classrooms with cameras (Eileen)
 4. Rigo: It is unlikely that these cameras could be located in Bray Hall, as some malfunctions in the equipment have prevailed for some time
 - Recording
 1. Are the classrooms only watched live or is this info being recorded? (Eileen)
 2. Craig: I don't have further information about it. It seems like they are only watched live only, and no records are being kept, but I will find out more about it.
 - Signs: There is interest from most senators in having signs indicating the presence of cameras, displayed on all the corresponding rooms.
4. Meeting with ESF's new President, Dr. Quentin Wheeler
- Open to all Graduate Students
 - March 7th at 10 AM in Baker 408
 - This will be an informal meeting, a great opportunity to meet Dr. Wheeler and bring any thoughts or concerns to his attention
 - Even though this is set as an informal meeting, it would be interesting to have an opportunity for students to ask questions to the president, maybe in a more formal setup (Matt)
 - Perhaps there could be a panel at some point of the meeting, with questions and answers. Craig could coordinate with the Dr. Wheeler's office to set this up (John)
 - Craig will coordinate a panel at the beginning of the meeting. Students who cannot attend the meeting can send questions to the GSA Senate for us to ask Dr. Wheeler.
5. Alumni Association Fee (Eugene Law)
- The alumni association is having troubles with members not paying for their membership. As a solution, they are thinking about establishing a mandatory fee for current students that will give them membership for life
 - When this topic was brought to USA, they did not seem to oppose, as they consider this fee to be insignificant compared with the total amount of fees

- Eugene already indicated them that Graduate Students may not agree with this and that the GSA would like to have a vote on this matter
- There was a general consensus among the Senate that this fee would be inappropriate and that our opinion differed from that of the USA.

6. Miscellaneous:

- E-mail separately for each event (Tom): There were a couple of events merged into a single e-mail. It may be better to send one e-mail per event, as students may be more willing to read an e-mail if the subject of it is of their interest.

7. Adjourn the Meeting

- Motion to adjourn the meeting: Scott Bergey
- Second: Owen Hunter
- Unanimously approved

Upcoming events:

- Ice Skating: Friday, February 28th, @Clinton Square, 7-8:30pm
- Dunkin Donuts: Monday, March 3rd, 2014 @Baker 3rd Floor, 7:30pm
- Candidacy Examination panel: Thursday, March 6th, @Moon 110, 12:45pm
- Meeting with President Wheeler: Friday, March 7th, @Baker 408, 10am
- Saint Patrick's TG: Friday, March 21st @The Inn Complete, TBD

Attendance:

GSA Senate

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| 1. Craig Lazzar | President |
| 2. John Wiley | VP of Grants and Awards |
| 3. Natalia Cagide | VP of International Activities |
| 4. Tom Taggart | VP of Professional Development |
| 5. Owen Hunter | VP of Social Activities |
| 6. Matt Regan | VP of Speakers and Presentations |
| 7. Eileen Leon | Secretary |
| 8. Ely Margolis | Webmaster / Communications |
| 9. Eugene Law | USA Representative |
| 10. Emily Handelman | LSA Representative |
| 11. Becky Meissner | ERE Representative |
| 12. Veronica Gonzalez | FNRM Representative |
| 13. Forrest Baird | PBE Representative |
| 14. Silvia Saldivar | EFB Representative |
| 15. Ingrid Brofman | Absent, with a proxy |
| 16. Rigoberto Melgar | GPES Representative |
| 17. Yunyun Bi | SCME Representative |
| 18. N. Scott Bergey | Chemistry Representative |
| 19. Doug Morrison | Faculty Advisor |

Guests

Danielle Kloster (GPES – Proxy for Ingrid Brofman)