**2017-18 GSA Senate Meeting
Friday October 13th, 2017 3:00pm in Moon 110**

**Agenda Items:**

Old Business

1. President Call to Order
2. Roll call—Shumaila
	1. Quorum? Yes
3. Approve previous meeting’s minutes
	1. Motion Rea
	2. Ryan Second
	3. Motion passed
4. Updates on past agenda items (brief):
	1. Grad Student Awards – Jorge
		1. Has to work on how the nomination works
		2. Have not yet decided on what the awards will be
		3. Decided to do it in the spring
	2. Child Care Resolution – Kirsten (Aimee proxy)
		1. Resolution in progress
		2. Discuss resolution in the next meeting

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| **Account no.** | **Committee** | **2017-2018 Budget ($)** | **% Available Budget** |
| 5030 | Grants | 5811 | 34.0 |
| 5041 | Social | 5500 | 32.2 |
| 5042 | International  | 2548 | 14.9 |
| 5070 | Speakers | 1778 | 10.4 |
| 5190 | Communications | 136 | 0.8 |
| 5211 | Professional  | 787 | 4.6 |
| 8000 | General/Meetings | 540 | 3.2 |
|  | **Available Budget** | **17100** |  |
| 5130 | Insurance | 2900 |  |
|  | **Total**  | **20000** |  |

New Business:

1. Budget Re-visit – Greg
	1. What we are being billed is wrong
	2. There are 2 possibilities
		1. Billing incorrectly
		2. Taking money from USA
	3. $5000-6000 reduction in budget due to incorrect billing
	4. Tuition scholarship is the thing that distinguishes you from full-time and part-time with a full-time memo
	5. We need to figure out a backup budget
	6. Taylor motioned to increase full-time to $60, Dominique second and the motion passed
	7. Send Greg information on the department, credits, scholarship, starting semester, full-time/part-time status and a copy of the fee challan so he can compile the data on how much everyone is paying for the student activities fees
	8. How are we defining full-time?
		1. Business Office defines 12 credits as full-time
	9. Dominique motioned to spend 25% this semester and see what happens, Daniel seconds
	10. Motion Arguments
		1. Aimee mentioned that spent over
		2. Rea spent over the 25%
		3. Grants already sent out
	11. Madhuri motions to amend the first motion to informally spend less, Aimee seconds and the motion passes
2. Officer Reports
	1. President- Ryan
		1. Child care moving forward
			1. Maybe able to open childcare (corporate style) downstairs in moon
			2. Other campuses are also having this issue. There is a potential for SUNY wide resolution and motion on this in the near future
		2. Leadership council is coming up
		3. College deficit shrank to $315,000: financially college is doing a little better
		4. Maintenance and effort bill: state pays money to SUNY schools and it wasn’t adjusted for inflation so the amount remained really low. The new bill is adjusted for inflation
		5. It is important for every person arranging an event to prepare a short summary for events so it can be passed on to the next GSA batch to make it easier for them to arrange future events.
	2. VP of Social- Bob
		1. Proxy Aimee
		2. Apple picking on October 14th
		3. On October 21st there is a guiding star quilt/craft show and they will take a 12 passenger van and it will cost $5 per person
		4. Inter-departmental Pumpkin Carving Competition to be held on Halloween TG at Orange Craze on 27th October tentative (might be the last TG of this semester due to budget cuts)
		5. Potluck Trivia Night to be held on November 10th
			1. 20 questions to be shortlisted by each department representative
			2. Rea help
		6. Kristin suggested fundraising event for GSA. It is to be discussed in the next meeting.
	3. VP of Grants & Awards- Jorge
		1. Sent out grants announcement
		2. Working on grad student awards
	4. VP of Professional Development- Chellby
		1. Everything you need to know to defend on Tuesday, October 17th
	5. VP of Speakers & Presentations- Jeff
		1. 5 people applied
		2. None from EFB and FNRM
		3. Deadline to fill out the application is October 23rd
		4. Adding audience as a judging panel
	6. VP of International Activities- Sri
		1. International Education Week will take place from November 9th and 11th
		2. Cultural showcase (mixed Grad and Undergrad event)
		3. Language speed-dating
		4. International Night
	7. VP of Communications- Rea
		1. Future Professorate Program in SU for PhD grad students to build their skills into entering academia
		2. 3 members from ESF at large for the program now and will be meeting next week
		3. Need a faculty sponsor
3. Representative Updates
	1. Nothing to report
4. Announcements?
	1. IDE- Shumaila
		1. General Education Fair October 26th, 2017, in Gateway from 11 am to 12:30 pm
		2. Cutting back on SU credits for General Education courses
	2. Student Life Committee - Greg
		1. Student health bill on student bills (including it on the normal bills)
	3. Richie – ESF has 2 new 12 passenger vans
5. Madhuri motioned to adjourn, Ryan second and the motion passes.