**2017-18 GSA Senate Meeting
Monday January 22nd, 2018 11am in Moon 110**

**Agenda Items:**

Old Business

1. President Call to Order
2. Roll call—Shumaila
	1. Quorum? Yes
3. Chellby motion to approve previous meeting’s minutes, Rea seconds, and the motion passes unanimously

New Business:

1. Officer Reports (plans for this semester)
	1. President- Ryan
		1. Non-profit Status
			1. IRS approved the non profit status
			2. Waiting for documents
			3. Quickbook setup will be updated
			4. Two options for bank account and distribution of funds
				1. Debit Card
				2. Preloaded Card

Fee $25/50 per month

Everyone would have access that they need

* + 1. Student Fee (Timing)
			1. Need to have a mitigation plan before Fall semester
			2. One strategy is to default to a payment plan
		2. Graduate student Stipend
			1. Ad hoc committee’s priority
			2. Setting up a meeting with Scott Shannon
		3. SUNYSA Meeting
			1. Location: Syracuse
			2. In the next meeting set up budget
		4. GSA Advisor
			1. Doug might be leaving soon
			2. New staff member in student affairs could take this role on
		5. NAGPS
			1. Tabled the discussion
			2. Ryan motions to talk about it next meeting, Chris seconds, motion passes unanimously
		6. Previous Resolutions
			1. Salary resolution
			2. Graduate Lab Student Safety (Chemistry and PBE has a safety committee)
			3. Child care resolution
	1. VP of Social- Bob
		1. TG Friday 1/26/2018
			1. Booking next three TGs at the Orange Crate as everyone agreed to the location
		2. Soccer Games
			1. 2 games booked
		3. Two Beer Tours
			1. Empire Farm Brewery, Cazenovia
			2. Willows Rock Brewing Company
		4. Trivia Nights
			1. February 15th, Thursday
			2. Snacks and Potluck
			3. Graduate Students only first and see how successful it is and then include undergraduate students
		5. Sledding
			1. Tabled for later
		6. Everyone wants a TG with theme
		7. 600 tacos weren’t paid for from a previous event but that won’t be an issue and it has been resolved
	2. VP of Grants & Awards- Jorge
		1. Concerned with travel grants
			1. Popular but funding is less
			2. Next meeting a proposal will be presented to increase some amount for Spring
	3. VP of Professional Development- Chellby
		1. February 1st: Everything you need to know to defend
		2. OIGS: Chair for this semester
		3. Elevator Pitch competition to be planned for March and find judges (faculty and staff) and finalize cash prizes
	4. VP of Speakers & Presentations- Jeff
		1. More competitions will be coming soon and plans on merging with Chellby
	5. VP of International Activities- Sri
		1. No updates
	6. VP of Communications- Rea
		1. Before Spring Break
			1. Redesign GSA logo Competition (GSA Senate gets to vote) haven’t agreed to prize and they might need more budget
			2. Spring Survey to make it shorter: What questions do you want ask?
				1. How people want to learn about GSA information
				2. Speakers Request
				3. Payment Plans
1. GSA Statement on Dept. Chairs
	1. Review of facts/information
		1. Three chairs were removed
		2. Friday it was sent out on Campus News
		3. Ben and Ryan got a half an hour heads-up before the Campus News
		4. New Interim Chairs are named (Searching new Chairs and Faculty external and internal)
		5. New Chairs would have 3-year period and renewal once and then they are out
	2. Review of grad student comments
		1. Response to the news: We don’t know what they are doing
		2. Timing and Communication are the top concerns
		3. The administration is lacking communication and consultation from Faculty and Students in the decision making process
	3. Discussion and draft statement
		1. Timing and lack of communication is disruptive despite the discussion on the resolution for Academic Consultation and involving faculty and staff before making decisions
		2. Faculty response to ARB was no fight from Quentin Wheeler ($1 million for Illick and Marshall)
		3. Connor pushes to offer solutions to timing and communication
		4. Aimee motions to arrange a grad-student-only town hall and Chellby seconds, 15 in favor and 2 opposed, no abstentions and the motion passes by majority vote
			1. Rea amends the motion to have a graduate student discussion after the town hall meeting and get feedback,
				1. Chellby’s concern is those who are interested but they can’t go and summarize factually ask questions and then do a full vote after
				2. Connor to let grad students know what we want to come up with and have a meeting structure
				3. Jennie suggests to live stream it and people would have option to watch and 3 days to respond to the survey
				4. Bob reminded that we have to be unified in ideas and thought and have an agenda to what we want to ask and talk about
				5. Dan and Ryan will put out a statement and a formal public request to have a town hall

What we are for, what we are dissatisfied with and town hall

Window of next two weeks

* + 1. A Student Body meeting with voting for what we think regarding consultation and communication
		2. Taylor motions to vote on do we request of have a Townhall and formal request with Quentin Wheeler followed by graduate student discussion, Bob seconds, unanimously passed
			1. Have agenda and structured questions
			2. Proposed meeting next week Monday January 29th 11am
			3. Address the format of the Townhall: First have the GSA reps asking questions and then open for discussion
1. Representative Updates
	1. Greg: Update on Budget
		1. Budget should be appropriate for the year
		2. Fall Spent $9000 and currently have $17000 and for the year we should have about $32000 (It is $10,000 more than what we thought we would have and it includes the reserve)
2. Chellby motioned to adjourn, Rea seconds, motion unanimously passed