



Reminders:

-Next Meeting is Wednesday, May 1st 12:45-1:45, Last meeting of the semester.

-Get the word out that GSA Elections are happening!! Talk to your 2 people!

- Campus day of service volunteers need more graduate student drivers for their volunteering.

General meeting:

1. President call to order
2. Roll call by Secretary
3. Review and approval of meeting minutes from 4/3/2013
 - o Change in student fee will not be mentioned in the online election process.
 - o Motion to Approve Minutes: David Schmidt
 - o Second: Scott Sveiven
 - o Unanimously Approved

Old Business:

1. **Update on GSO student fee (Scott Sveiven)**
 - a. Scott has planned an informational session, April 26th from 12-1pm in 110 Moon to brief grads about the planned GSO fee increase as well as the GSA Senate's position on the issue.

- b. Document has been slightly altered from the last time it was presented in our meeting and it now includes the GSA Senate's position on the issue. The idea is that if there is not strong opposition from students to increase the fee, Dave Dzwonkowski will attempt to change the fee for the upcoming fall semester. Other revisions to be made to the document before circulation;
 - SUOC is not receiving the money, it is going to Outdoor Education.
 - Change 'then' to 'than'
 - Emphasize the fact that students are paying much less than they would to receive these services any other way. This should be one of the first items mentioned in stating the GSA Senate's position.
 - Please have any last comments to Scott or Whitney LM by 5pm tomorrow (April 18th).
- c. This document will be sent out via email twice before the information session. The same information presented in this document will be presented at the forum. A final vote by GSA Senate will happen at the May 1st meeting reassessing our support of the fee increase after student input.
- d. One \$15 fee each semester would be better than one \$30 fee each year as a benefit to students who start or graduate in the middle of the academic year.

2. Election Process

- a. Website is set up for taking nominations, and currently 5 nominations are posted. If you plan to maintain your position/ take on a new position don't forget to nominate yourself. Only self-nominations are being accepted under the new bylaws. The election process is all set up, we can start voting as early as next Monday but need to fill positions and vote before people leave campus.
- b. The election committee will take care of advertising around campus, but we need everyone to recruit people at the Friday TG and other events! Everyone should make it a goal to talk to 2 people about joining GSA so that we can fill the Senate next year.
- c. Next steps – recruiting! Large posters will be put up, similar to the speaker series, to advertise for new officers. Also ask people about running for positions that do not have anyone running yet. Tom will bring a laptop to the TG to allow people to sign up for nominations if they would like.
- d. Position Descriptions-Laid out in section 7B1 of the bylaws as well as on the GSA website. Email Lindsey to find out what positions still need nominations. Whitney LM and Steve Balogh will be around next semester to help out with training of potential new President and Treasurer.
- e. Can someone nominate himself or herself for one semester only? Yes, but two people need to be running as a team in order to have the full year covered. Also if

there is only one person interested in the position and they can only run for 1 semester that is better than nothing.

New Business:

1. GSO Senate Resolution Update-Todd M

- a. GSO has been informed of potential new legislation that will single out student home renters. Potential new zoning actions would require registration through the city from now on for student housing. Document attached has more information.
- b. The impact of this/what it entails is not entirely clear, and GSO has repeatedly attempted to get more information. The GSO Senate is against this zoning change that would potentially limit the amount of housing offered to students. The University Neighborhood Partnership Association and a similar organization in Wescott should be examined before the GSO officially opposes this Southeast University Neighborhood Association.
- c. Todd brings it up now because it will be discussed by the organization over the summer, when many students are not around, so he wanted to make everyone aware.
- d. The common council lawyer seems to be the person to discuss this with but they are not giving out much information. It is recommended to contact other student organizations to make sure we are reaching a larger group of students. Maren King should be contacted for further information. More information is needed before GSA Senate can act on it but we thank GSO for bringing it to our attention.

2. Chasing Ice Documentary (C. Lazzar)

- a. The option to buy more tickets for students was discussed, but the tickets are available in multiple other places so GSA Senate will not be purchasing more. Please promote the group bike ride/carpool for anyone that might be interested.

3. USA Updates (Owen Hunter)

- a. Common Hour feedback for USA, not many have taken the survey yet. Whitney LM will send out the email again with the survey link. USA would like college hour to be extended to Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Faculty are in support of this, but lab timing will make it difficult. The changes would not go into effect until next spring semester.

- b. USA resolution for ESF to divest from fossil fuel based companies, similar to an ongoing movement at SU. The proposal is for ESF to move their money from these investments. There will be a peaceful march Thursday (tomorrow) from 5-6pm from Bray to Hendricks Chapel in support of this.
- c. Campus day of service volunteers need more graduate student drivers for their volunteering, contact Lia Heintjes at lkheintj@syr.edu.

4. Budget Requests and Allocations:

- a. Requests- Would like to support giving a small honorarium to Jerry Mead who spoke at the Spotlight on Student Research event in addition to covering the cost of his mileage out of the Speaker Committee budget (\$285).
- b. Motion to allocate \$250 from the miscellaneous fund (would be \$535 total to J. Mead): Emily Hughes
- c. Second: Whitney Carleton
- d. Unanimously Approved

5. Committee Updates and Upcoming Events

- a. Professional Development-
 - i. Would like feedback on scheduling final event, panel on careers for ESF graduate students. The career panel event would need to be on Monday at 2pm to have the highest attendance of panelists. If it is felt that this date is too soon, Tuesday April 30th would also work, but fewer panelists would be available to attend. There is a seminar taking place in Moon on Tuesday April 30th that could potentially be collaborated with.
 - ii. The event will be held on Monday to allow for students to attend without conflict of finals. Emails will be sent out shortly.
- b. Social-
 - i. Friday-TG. Volunteers were reminded of their positions for the event. Please come if you can to help out because there is not much help for clean up and we will only be allowed to use 408 Baker if the room is kept clean after events.
 - ii. May 3rd, 3-7 at the Inn Complete is the end of the year BBQ. Bring any outdoor games you have.
 - iii. Closing celebration for leaving and incoming GSA Senate members. Will be held at Dave and Scott's house and a doodle poll will be sent out to see when others can come.
- c. Speaker-

- i. Today at 4pm is the Water for A Crowded Planet event. Brent needs volunteers at 3:45 to help set up food in 5 Illick.

d. Grants and Awards-

- i. Will be meeting on April 30th to go over submitted grants. If there are any outstanding grants that they would like to fund but do not have the money, will address that at the next meeting.

Upcoming events:

- Friday, April 19th:
 - 12:00pm in 110 Moon Library: Noon in Moon Graduate Student Speaker Series, M.S. student Tingting Yin will present "The role of a social marketing campaign on promoting environmental behavior change in China"
 - 5:30-8:30pm in 408 Baker: GSA TG
- Monday April 22nd, 7:00pm at Palace theatre "Chasing Ice" Documentary.
- Tuesday April 23rd, 3:00 pm co-sponsored speaker event with the WISE Group: Jackie Carerra presents "Revitalizing Baltimore" in Gateway Bldg Event Room B
- Thursday, April 25th, 12:00pm in 110 Moon – M.S. student Becka Walling presents "When Earthworms Invade"
- Friday April 26th, 12:00pm in 110 Moon – Graduate Student Fee Change Informational Session
- Wednesday May 1st, 12:45-1:50pm B9A Marshall Hall – GSA Senate Meeting

Attendance:

GSA Senate

Whitney Lash Marshall
Chris Foelker (proxy for John Wiley)
Abbie Larkin
Emily Hughes
Brent Johnson
Stephen Balogh
Whitney Carleton
Lindsay Perez
Kat DeVilbiss
Owen Hunter
Scott Sveiven
Michele Hierholzer
Tom Taggart
David Schmidt
Matt Regan
Kelly Bancroft

Ari Engelberg
Jes Bouchard
Craig Lazaar (non-voting member)
Doug Morrison

Guests

Todd Metcalfe –VP of External Affairs for GSO

Quorum- YES