



### **Reminders:**

- Next Meeting is Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 12:45-1:45,
- Put your committee's events on the GSA calendar to keep from having overlapping events!
- Start getting the word out that GSA Elections will be coming soon, see who may be interested!!**
- Always return the chairs from Nifkin to Nifkin, the Physical Plant wanted to remind us.

### **General meeting:**

1. President call to order
2. Roll call by Secretary
3. Review and approval of meeting minutes from 3/27/2013
  - o Craig Lazzar should be mentioned as a non-voting member
  - o Motion to Approve Minutes: Stacey Mack
  - o Second: Scott Sveiven
  - o Unanimously Approved

### **Old Business:**

- 1. Update on GSO student fee (Scott Sveiven)**
  - o Scott confirmed that David Dzwonkowski will be able to get the fee changed by next fall. Scott wanted to present the same information mentioned at the February meeting to the student body for feedback before anything is officially done with

regard to fee changes. Discussed putting this in along with the elections for students to see, but agreed that it may be too complicated/confusing and should be explained in a forum with the opportunity for questions. David does not believe that we need a majority of students to agree to the change, just to create awareness. Need to figure out the best way to present this information to the students to get feedback and some sort of acknowledgement that the fee is changing. Will plan to hold an information session for the entire student body, allow everyone to ask questions and voice concerns and then GSA Senate will take a second vote on whether or not we are still in support of a fee change. Scott will draft an email to the student body and reserve a room for the information session. Moon 110 is often open.

## **2. Update on GA Stipend Survey**

- The SU Assessment Office has approached us because they are doing a similar survey. They are willing to facilitate our survey as well as analyze the data. Need to check with Bruce Bongarten and Scott Shannon to see what their opinion on this is because before we had told them that the survey and its analysis would be used for SUNY ESF purposes only.

## **3. Trivia Night (Gateway Mixer) Updates**

- Scheduled for April 12th in Gateway, co-sponsored by USA, GSA, and Faculty Governance. Will be held in the conference room and the hallways will be used for some activities.
- Renamed Trivia Night because there may be a desire for a later 'kick off' event to take place at the Gateway Building and it has been requested that the event not be named as such. Request for GSA to sponsor door prizes to give away at the event and money to be given away as the trivia prize. Want suggestions for door prizes and are asking for \$300. The event is no longer being co-sponsored by Faculty Governance. Trailhead area will be open and have samples available and gift certificates to be given away. The bookstore will have gift certificates to give away as well. The idea with trivia is to have multiple people per team, a mix of faculty and students. There will be a cash prize to be split amongst the winning team. USA will be spending near \$800 on the event and it will continue with or without our support. Whitney LM will talk further with USA to see how likely Grad and Faculty participation is.

## **New Business:**

### **1. Election Committee and Elections**

- a. Establishment of Election Committee-Chair: L. Perez
- b. Timeline of elections-

- i. Should be announcing elections 4 weeks before voting. We are already past this. Need to have an announcement saying that the elections are taking place. Need 3 other people to help with elections in addition to Whitney LM and Lin Perez. Scott Sveiven is willing to help with recruitment, Jes Bouchard will also help out. Most of the difficulty with this is convincing people that they would be able to be a part of GSA and complete their course work as well.
  - ii. Someone needs to get in touch with communications to set everything up for the elections. The communications office will need to change the format of the elections online so there is some extra work to be done this year. There will be an announcement on the website and the position descriptions will be listed there as well. There will also be paper ballots available for use-can either print it from online or accept them at events.
  - iii. If you know someone who would be good in a specific position, please let them know. This year we will actually have annual reports from everyone to give to new VPs so that no one is starting from scratch next year. Nominations are taken up to one week in advance from voting. More specific information for the committee is in the “People and Places You Need to Know” document online.
- c. Position Descriptions-Laid out in section 7B1 of the bylaws.

## **2. Chasing Ice Documentary (C. Lazzar)**

- a. Idea for GSA to purchase tickets for graduate students to attend Earth Day Screening and CNY Climate Change Panel Presentation April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Palace Theatre.
- b. Tickets will hopefully be available tomorrow at noon, an email will be sent out. The Student Affairs Office will be dispensing the tickets for grad students.

## **3. Budget Requests and Allocations:**

- a. Requests-
  - i. John would like to allocate any extra miscellaneous money to funding more grants.
  - ii. Awards for Research, Service and Teaching are typically given out at the last BBQ-awards will be about \$100 but could be bumped up.
  - iii. Allocating up to \$500 for another TG is a possibility if the space and time can be found, otherwise the money will go back to the Miscellaneous fund.

- iv. Professional Development was over budget on the Elevator Pitch/Mixer event and would like to allocate \$100 to the Committee budget to cover loses.
- b. Motion to allocate \$100 to prof dev, \$1000 to grants and awards and \$500 to another TG in social: Abbie Larkin
- c. Second: Scott Sveiven
- d. Unanimously Approved

#### 4. Committee Updates and Upcoming Events

- a. Professional Development-
  - i. April 15<sup>th</sup> writing for publication event, Careers panel will be the last event for the semester and have yet to complete planning for that.
  - ii. Spotlight on Student Research is this Wednesday, have judges for undergrad and grad posters. Please stop in and take a look at all of the posters being put up!
  - iii. Elevator Pitch Competition and Research Mixer-
    - 1. Pitch Competition was well attended and great presentations, mixer was not as well attended but there are many reasons why that is possible.
    - 2. Slightly over budget from planning for higher attendance at the research mixer also for awards of research mixer and spotlight combined, want to ask for an additional \$100 There is also left over Middle Ages Beer that can be allocated to other events in the future.
- b. Social-
  - i. Have allocated all the proposed budget to the Flannel 5k, talk it up!
  - ii. End of the year BBQ will likely be at the Inn Complete again. Some money was saved to have a GSA (current and incoming) party.
  - iii. There is no money in the Social Committee budget to allocate toward Trivia Night. Will be getting in touch with everyone to hold a doodle poll for the GSA party, will be getting in touch about the BBQ as well.
- c. Speaker-
  - i. Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3pm Co-sponsored event with the WISE (Women in Science Education) Group: Jackie Carrera presents "Revitalizing Baltimore" in Gateway Bldg Event Room B. Event this past Friday ended up falling through, this will now be the big end-of-the-semester-event.

- ii. A CUNY speaker will be coming in to speak at Charlie Hall's Class, he may be willing to speak to the greater student body.
  - iii. When WISE events are supported, GSA pays for hotel and car rental (the last co-sponsored event cost around \$500).
- d. Grants and Awards-
- i. Had 13 research grant applications, after processing there may be one or two that are not accepted. There are still travel grant applications in the running (those awarded will be notified by end of April). Any extra money from research grants will be allocated to travel grants.

### **Upcoming events:**

- April 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm Flannel 5k at The Inn Complete followed by refreshments
- April 10<sup>th</sup>, 12-3pm Spotlight on Student Research in the Gateway Building
- April 12<sup>th</sup>, 12-1pm A Mile in Her Shoes event through The Vera House-men are encouraged to wear high heels
- Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 5pm Trivia Night in the Gateway Building
- April 15<sup>th</sup> 12, 110 Moon, Writing for Publication Event
- April 19<sup>th</sup>-TG
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### **Attendance:**

#### GSA Senate

Whitney Lash Marshall

John Wiley

Abbie Larkin

Brent Johnson

Stephen Balogh

Whitney Carleton

Kat Devilbiss

Scott Sveiven

Jes Bouchard

David Schmidt

Stacey Mack

Kelly Bancroft

Ari Engelberg

Alex Levine

Craig Lazzar (proxy for Michele Hierholzer)