



Reminders:

- **WHO WANTS TO BE TREASURER??!!**
- **Incoming GSA Senate should “friend” Lin Perez to become Administrators on the GSA Facebook pages.**

General meeting:

1. President call to order
 - Overview of last meeting of the semester (bylaws section VI)
2. Roll call by Secretary
3. Review and approval of meeting minutes from 4/17/2013
 - Minor changes submitted by Whitney LM
 - Motion to Approve Minutes: Stacey Mack
 - Second: Scott Sveiven
 - Unanimously Approved

Old Business:

1. **Update on GSO student fee (Scott Sveiven)**
 - a. Scott held 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. There were only three senate members present at the presentation and no other students showed. A survey was sent out instead to get feedback from students and proved more helpful, although votes are not yet tallied it seems that most are in

favor of the fee increase. Have a meeting with Dave Dzwonkowski to discuss student feedback on Friday, it seems that he is already prepared to follow through with the fee increase and should have no problem implementing it for next year.

- c. A document containing the survey results as well as information about the fee change will be sent to Whitney LM and included on the GSA website. GSA Senate is in favor of this. Mainly, the survey will let us know if students would prefer paying \$15 per semester or \$30 per year.
 - Motion to support the GSO request to increase student fee to \$15 per semester: Scott Sveiven
 - Second: David Schmidt
 - Unanimously Approved

2. Election Process

- a. Only two contending positions that we are waiting on voting results for. There is an opening for Treasurer. Please consider being a part of GSA even if you are not elected, and if anyone is interested in being Treasurer please let us know! If you were not officially written on the ballot, you will be under the new bylaws and able to be cemented into them at the first meeting of the new GSA Senate. Around 6pm at the BBQ on Friday the new senate will be announced (even if you aren't able to make it).
- b. Elections ongoing through Thursday, May 2nd. Announcement of 2013-14 Senate will be Friday, May 3rd.
- c. Position Descriptions: Laid out in section 7B1 of the bylaws as well as on the GSA website.

New Business:

1. USA Updates (Owen Hunter)

- a. Fossil fuel divestment campaign, switching ESF's investments out of fossil fuel run businesses, came to fruition.
- b. New bikes outside, by Moon Library, are a part of a new bike share program which will be run through the library. There is a \$20 deposit per year and it can be rented for 24 hours at a time. There are 5 bikes now and aside from the deposit you will need your ID. It is possible that they will expand to more bikes/other locations if it is successful.

2. Executive Summary of budget by Treasurer

- a. Wanted to get the difficulties of reimbursements worked out, now you will get an email when reimbursements come in. Speaking with Barb Smith, the year

was started with \$28,000 and with money brought in by events it was \$30,000. Around \$20,000 will be expected for the start of next year. There is still some money remaining from this year's budget (~\$2,000) keeping in mind the unallocated Grants and Awards money and other budgets still waiting on money to be claimed by events. The point is to have money from students this year be spent on those same students who contributed it.

- b.** Webmaster budget was not used this year, but that is because the website was on a two-year contract. Next year those funds will be needed.

3. Website Adjustments-

- a.** A 32% increase in views this year from last year with the new formatting. There were over 500 views on April 18 and typically 62 views a day. Facebook is proving very helpful in reaching out to students, on average 131 people see events posted on Facebook. Make others aware that there is a formal Facebook page as well as the GSA group. Friend Lin to get the Admin access to the GSA page.

4. Budget Requests and Allocations:

- a.** Some small amount of money should be rolled over for next year just in case of unforeseen necessities.
 - i.** Request-Money toward meet and greet with outgoing and incoming GSA Senate as well as further money toward the end of the year BBQ to keep the Social Committee out of the red.
 - ii.** Request-Lapel Microphone for speaker events (\$220-250). This would only be needed for Auditorium events, would it be used often enough to be worth budgeting for? Will be tabled for next year.
 - iii.** Request-Additional funding for grants
 - iv.** Request-Fall Kickoff Meeting for new GSA Senate to meet before "official" meetings next year (\$150)
- b.** Motion to allocate \$200 from the unbudgeted funds to social committee for end of the year BBQ: David Schmidt
 - i.** Second: Scott Sveiven
 - ii.** Unanimously Approved
- c.** Motion to allocate \$250 from unbudgeted funds to fund meet and greet for outgoing and incoming GSA Senate: Scott Sveiven
 - i.** Second: John Wiley
 - ii.** Unanimously Approved
- d.** Motion to allocate \$750 from unbudgeted funds to Grants and Awards Committee to fund Research and Travel Grants: Emily Hughes
 - i.** Second: Michelle Heirholzer
 - ii.** Unanimously Approved

5. Committee Updates and Upcoming Events

a. International-

- i. Two events were held this spring-international student rights panel with about 40 people in attendance and the International Night with about 100 people in attendance and about 6 or 7 different performers from ESF and SU.

b. Professional Development-

- i. Put on 6 panel/presentation events, 2 large research events. Had a total of 134 individuals attending the panels, 47 people at the how to prepare your defense panel. Spotlight on Student Research attracted 51 posters. \$100 was the start budget and \$635 were accrued for prizes for events and \$100 was budgeted in addition from GSA.

c. Social-

- i. Had 17 social events, 7 TGs, New relationship with GSO allowed for events with them, tallest social VPs ever! First ever wine tour, 14 kegs were consumed, 690 people have come to the events so far this spring. We will be slightly in the negative.

d. Speaker-

- i. 3 large events with almost 250 people in attendance. Contributed money to Dr. Jerry Mead, money to multiple talks. Six 'Noon in Moon' events were held, hopefully there will be more next year. There is \$100 left in budget but there are still funds not taken out yet. Will be within the proposed budget at the end of the year.

e. Grants and Awards-

- i. Inaugural year for this committee. Primary focus was to make an official process and more accessible and useful grants available to students. Had a co-sponsored event with Professor Dev to talk about grants and a workshop on how to apply for research grants, there were 3-5 people in attendance. \$48—in budget was increased to \$6350. 5 \$250 travel grants awarded. Most of the budget still appears to be available because we are waiting on students to claim it but there is actually \$1300 left in the budget to be allocated to research grants. Any leftover money will be given to travel grants.

Upcoming events:

- Friday, May 3rd: End of Semester BBQ at the Inn Complete from 3-7pm
- Wednesday, May 8th- Senate Meet and Greet for outgoing and incoming GSA Senate members- 1004 Lancaster Ave

Attendance:

GSA Senate

Whitney Lash Marshall

John Wiley

Abbie Larkin

Kat Devillbiss

Emily Hughes

Brent Johnson

Stephen Balogh

Whitney Carleton

Lindsay Perez

Owen Hunter

Scott Sveiven

Jess Bouchard

Natalia Cagide Elmer

Tom Taggart

David Schmidt

Stacey Mack

Brent Johnson

Matt Regan

Ari Engelberg

Alex Levine

Michelle Heirholzer

Craig Lazaar (proxy for Kelly Bancroft)

Guests (Incoming Senate)

Allison Oakes

Emily Handelman

Eileen Leon

Katie Batill

Becky Meissner

Silvia Saldivar

N. Scott Bergey

Ely Margolis

Melisa Keskin

Quorum- YES