



Reminders:

- Sign up for GSA Committees if you have not done it yet.

General meeting:

1. President call to order
2. Roll call by Secretary
 - o Quorum: Yes
3. Review and approval of meeting minutes from September 5th, 2013
 - o Discussion: No additional amendments or comments
 - o Motion to Approve Minutes from September 5th, 2013: Natalia Cagide
 - o Second: Eileen Leon
 - o Unanimously approved

NEW BUSSINESS

1. Determine Representative to the Faculty Committee on Research (non-voting)
 - o This is an informational only representative position; you will need to report to GSA and the Spotlight Committee of anything of relevance that is discussed by the Faculty
 - o (Tom Taggart) Maybe 1 member would be sufficient for the Spotlight Committee, so the Rep to the Faculty Committee on Research won't necessarily have to participate in the Spotlight Committee
 - o Meeting time for the Faculty Committee on Research has not been decided yet

- Nobody was nominated
- 2. Filling vacant positions: USA Rep, SU GSO Rep (Samantha Weber has resigned) and ES Rep, who's out of the country during this semester
 - Rigoberto Melgar, Hope Ansanelli had expressed interest in the USA Rep position, and they could possibly co-chair it.
 - This position can only be filled by one person (John Wiley). People had co-chaired before during one Academic year, but each person chaired a different semester (Eileen). There is concern about how many votes will the position held (Stacey). Should be only one vote (Craig). Natalia Cagide indicates that she shared a position with Lindsay Perez in the past, in that case, Lindsey led the position and Natalia took responsibility only when given by Lindsey. (Tom) The feasibility of having two people ruling one position depends on how the two people can agree on the vote and when they can't, it'll be a problem.
 - Eugene Law expressed interest in filling the USA Rep position, as well. Hope Ansanelli decides to step down from the position.
 - John suggests that we should have Eugene and Rigo write a statement describing their interest and skills for the position, for everyone to review and vote during next meeting.
 1. Motion to approve for Eugene and Rigo to be voted next meeting, after the Senators have read both statements and can make an informed decision: John Wiley
 2. Second: Eileen Leon
 3. Anyone opposes? Rigo indicates that he is not interested in participating on this process and he leaves the road open for Eugene to take the spot, without the need for a vote.
 4. Motion dismissed
 - Eugene Law has nominated himself as USA Representative. He was the USA President in the past years, has plenty of experience and a close relationship with the USA Senate.
 1. Motion to approve Eugene Law as USA Representative: John Wiley
 2. Second: Scott Bergey
 3. Unanimously approved
 4. Eugene will serve as USA representative during the 2013-14 period

- Sam Weber has stepped down from her position as SU GSO Representative (Craig Lazzar).
 - Hope Ansanelli has nominated herself for SU GSO Representative
 1. Motion to approve Hope Ansanelli as SU GSO Rep: Scott Bergey
 2. Second: Stacey Mack
 3. Unanimously Approved
 - Rigo indicates that he would be interested in taking the GPES representative position for Laura Coberly, but he does not want to step down during the spring semester when she comes back.
 - What to do when people cannot make it to the meetings? (Stacey Mack)
 1. It's indicated in the Bylaws (section VI.D.1) that 'Any member of the GSA Senate may be dismissed from his or her position due to, but not limited by, one or more of the following: Poor academic standing, insufficient attendance at meetings of the GSA Senate, inability or failure to fulfill specific position duties as outlined' (John).
 2. It's also indicated that this would be a process, rather than an automatic procedure and, I think a simpler solution like the person having a proxy would be better(Eileen)
 3. (Matt) Without the intention of eliminating someone from the GSA, it's necessary to solve it.
 4. Laura Coberly will be out of the country for the whole semester, but she would like to take her position as GPES representative during the Spring Semester (Eileen)
 5. (John) The President should let Laura know that she could be dismissed from the GSA Senate for missing meetings, so that she is aware and we can proceed from there.
3. Confirm and Record Groups for GSA Committees:
1. Grants & Awards: John Wiley, Jonathan Masih-Das, Silvia Saldivar, Chris Foelker, Allison Oakes
 2. Social: Owen Hunter, Eileen Leon, Ingrid Brofman, Emily Handelman, Scott Bergey, Samantha Weber, Katelind Batill, Ely Margolis, (possibly) Melisa Keskin
 3. Professional Development: Tom Taggart, Forrest Baird, Peter Kwon, Stacey Mack

4. International: Natalia Cagide, Darya Karpenko, Liza Legorova, Xolile Maphanga, Rigoberto Melgar, YunYun Bi, Becky Meissner
 5. Speakers: Matt Regan, Hope Ansanelli, Rigoberto Melgar, Eugene Law
1. Event Insurance Update & debrief from first TG (Owen Hunter)
 - Insurance Update: No update. So the Social Committee will be planning events at the Inn Complete for now.
 - First TG: Awesome, 115 people. Pizza went very quickly, while beer lasted the whole time
 - Wine Tour: Sunday, October 6th.
 1. Katie: it was supposed to be held on Saturday the 5th, but there is a game that day and the ESF Police said parking on campus won't be possible, and the option would be LaFayette, which is very far. Any objections to having the wine tour on the 6th?
 2. There are other events that day, as it's the Alumni weekend at ESF (Eugene).
 3. Most senators agree on the fact that finding parking for student's cars and for the bus will be a lot easier that Sunday than on any Game Day. Therefore, the Wine Tour will be held on Sunday, October 6th.
 2. Budget debate and voting for approval
 - Treasurer update on available budget (Allison)
 - Roll-over and student fees are still unclear, as several different numbers have been given to the Treasurer. An estimate (looking at the lowest incoming fees \$19,000 plus roll-over) will be a total budget of \$24,000 for the full academic year.
 - Un-budgeted money was \$1,500 last year. There is nothing in the miscellaneous so far. John: Miscellaneous accumulates unallocated money and should be approved later on to be used.
 - Allison: last year \$500 were allocated for office supplies, \$750 t-shirts; there is no need for those items.
 - Additional budget: TG events cannot be held on campus, given the issues with alcohol liability, so they are around \$750 per event at the Inn Complete, which is about \$100 more expensive than having them on campus (Owen Hunter).

- Is it worth to have Insurance if there is only \$100 of difference between on campus and Inn complete? (Allison)
- Without including insurance with alcohol liability \$25,100, just regular insurance and website fees. So far we are \$1100 over-budgeted. Because of this, Allison requested cuts on Committee budgets.
- Annual budget for the 2013-2014 year by Committee
 1. Professional Development (Tom Taggart): asking for a \$250 increase in budget for one more event, \$250 per event. Total budget of \$1,750 for 7 events.
 2. Speakers (Matt Regan): \$4,350 based on last year's budget, which wasn't spent. Equipment may be needed. Eugene: undergrads want to do speakers, as well, and this could be a good opportunity for the GSA to co-sponsor events with the USA.
 3. Social: Budget was originally set as \$6,017 for the 2013-2014 academic year. Owen offered to cut out one spring TG to help meet the budget constraints. Total budget, after this discount was set as \$5,303.
 4. Grants and Awards: \$7,400 this year. Craig: Ethics of the awards money, which does not go to all students. Maybe have a discussion next time.
 5. International: \$2,000, even though only \$1,600 were spent last year, since more events are being planned for the 2013-2014 academic year
- Total Budget

• Speakers	\$ 4,350
• Professional Development	\$ 1,750
• Grants and Awards	\$ 7,400
• International	\$ 2,000
• Social	\$ 5,303
• Communications (website)	\$ 229
• Liability Insurance	\$ 2,900
• Total	\$23,932
- Motion to ' Approve a total budget of \$23,932, composed of \$4,350 for the Speakers Committee, \$1,750 for the Professional Development Committee, \$7,400 for the Grants and Awards Committee, \$2,000 for the International Committee, \$5,303 for the Social Committee, \$229 for the GSA Website Platform and \$2,900 for Liability Insurance': Allison Oakes
- Second: Tom Taggart
- Unanimously approved

OLD BUSSINESS

1. Office Access Update (Eileen Leon)

- We should all have access to the GSA office by this Friday, September 20th. Sorry for the delay, but it doesn't depend on me.
- For access to Marshall Hall take your ID cards to the ESF Police office, in the basement of Bray Hall, they have a list with GSA Senate members.
- Will update the info for new people today or tomorrow in the morning.

2. Webmaster Update (Ely Margolis)

- International Committee blurb: Natalia will write it and send it to Ely as soon as possible
- John Wiley: please review name spelling for treasurer
- Ely: The website contract has expired, so it has been downgraded to a free account. So far, it does not seem to be substantially different. Only difference noticed so far is that the signature of the website says "by free accounts" instead of saying "by Ely Margolis, GSA webmaster". Moreover, there is no information about how to upgrade the account without access to the GSA e-mail. Who has the e-mail account password? Tom Taggart
- (John) Lindsay Perez could have the info. It's important to keep the website functionality for certain processes. Important functions that may be missing from the free account include signing up and voting, among others
- (Craig) Will images be important to promote events? Should we have images associated to the events or not?
- (Eileen) Images are important to create identity and help students to relate and remember the events. Let's clarify who should receive the flyers: Ely Margolis and Craig Lazzar
- Ely: seems like the Social Committee has had many activities, of which the webmaster was only been notified at the last minute. Maybe should attend the Social Committee meetings to keep up with it and avoid delayed or last minute information. Would it be ok to switch Committees at this time?
- Craig: It wouldn't be a problem to switch Committees, it's up to each person
- John: The VPs are responsible to send the information about events promptly, and not the webmaster's responsibility to find out about the events

- Craig: Please make sure that Ely and the President should have complete information (with flyers or images) in advance
- Katie: How early? Ely: a week early at least, but as early as possible.
- Who has access to the Facebook page (Allison)? John: Ely and himself, better not too many people with access to keep the formatting consistent
- Craig: Send everything to Ely for him to post on Facebook
- John: The way Ely has been taking care of it is ideal, this is: creating the event in the GSA page and sending a notification to the GSA Forum. This keeps the FB page as the official voice of the GSA Senate and also links the FB forum back to it.
- Who to contact for Calendar update? Everyone can do it themselves using the gmail account.
- Ely: Should I delete a list of SU GSO events from last year? Yes, as the events are not-up-to-date and there isn't a new formal list (Melisa)

Upcoming events:

- Apple Picking: September 21st
- GSO Beer Tasting: September 26th
- Wine Tour: October 6th

Attendance:

GSA Senate

1. Craig Lazzar
2. John Wiley
3. Natalia Cagide
4. Owen Hunter
5. Tom Taggart
6. Matt Regan
7. Eileen Leon
8. Allison Oakes
9. Ely Margolis
10. Christopher Foelker
11. Melisa Keskin
12. Jonathan Masih Das
13. Emily Handelman
14. Katie Batill
15. Becky Meissner
16. Stacey Mack

17. Forrest Baird
18. Darya Karpenko
19. Liza Legorova
20. Ingrid Brofman (absent, with a proxy)
21. N. Scott Bergey
22. Doug Morrison

Guests

Mirian Calderon (GPES – proxy for Ingrid Brofman)
Eugene Law (ES)
Peter Kwon (ERE)
Rigoberto Melgar (GPES)
Hope Ansanelli (ES)