



Reminders:

- Special Meeting on October 7th to discuss how to approach the Presidential Search

General meeting:

1. President call to order
2. Roll call by Secretary
 - o Quorum - Yes
3. Review and approval of meeting minutes from September 16th, 2013
 - o Discussion: Budget section for the Social Committee was edited in the initial total amount and to refer only to the total and avoid enumeration of events throughout the year.
 - o Motion: Owen
 - o Second: Becky Meissner
 - o Approved Unanimously

Old Business:

1. Office Access (Eileen)
 - o Office access has been granted to all the GSA Senators who were listed at the last meeting.
 - o New senators, such as Eugene Law, will have to use other ways to access the office, checking out a key from Student Life office or from the Police Office, listed in the first section of the document "GSA Process and People to know"

2. Event Insurance (Owen Hunter)
 - No update: no response from Student Life or the USA
 - (Eugene): they don't have any information, as they are waiting for a response from the insurance company about the cost of alcohol liability insurance
3. Budget Update – reimbursement process sustainability (Allison)
 - Reimbursement process is working well.
 - Senators must bring Receipts to Allison to be paid back.
 - Tax exemption forms will be available in the GSA hard drive. No need to use them at Wegman's or Tops, as they already have our information; whoever is buying needs to inform the cashier that they are buying for SUNY-ESF.
 - GSA Procurement Card won't be available anytime soon. For small purchases: buy yourselves and request a re-imburement. For big purchases: talk to Allison to figure out a way to process them.

New Business:

1. Vacancy: GPES Rep II; to be filled by Rigo Melgar with approval of the Senate
 - Rigoberto Melgar has nominated himself to serve as GPES Representative
 - Ingrid: Wonder about how is it going to work out among representatives
 - Craig: Laura is out of the country and she is ok with stepping down
 - Motion to Approve Rigoberto Melgar as GPES Representative for the 2013-2014 period: Ingrid Brofman
 - Second: Forrest Baird
 - Unanimously approved
 - Rigoberto Melgar will serve as GPES Representative for the 2013-2014 academic year
2. International Orientation Week (Owen on behalf of Natalia Cagide)
 - Emily Quackenbush (Office of International Education) is organizing an International Student week, to be held in November. It's not a social event. This event will have Speakers and address international student issues. She would like ideas and collaboration for it from the GSA.

- Natalia is considering to have the International Night during that week
- This Thursday, October 3rd will be the next international committee meeting; probably more details will be available after that. Please contact Natalia Cagide with any comments or suggestions.
- Some suggestions from Senators
 1. Craig: there are some organizations in the Westcott neighborhood that could be interested in participating
 2. Allison: there is an African-drum group in the neighborhood that might be a good addition
- 3. ESF Presidential Search & Board of Trustees:
 - GSA endorsement: should we make an official statement from the grad community? (Craig)
 - Owen: We could consult the grad community through a Survey; maybe have a few preferred candidates?
 - Matt: it'll take some time to put a statement together, and specially get feedback from the grads
 - Chris: It'll be better to write an opinion because is more compelling with the process in the Board of Trustees. There is very complete information online about it. ESF is the only SUNY School with a Board of Trustees, so let's keep in mind that there is interest in hearing back from the students, but there are still processes already formulated to handle the Presidential search.
 - SU: Search Committee selected a group and the board only voted
 - Eugene: It would not be appropriate to have only 1 or 3 preferred candidates, is better to put a comment on all of the candidates
 - Chris: It'd be better to do that than stating some candidates
 - Ely: It's not our job to refer a specific candidate as the board of trustees is writing the recommendation
 - Craig: a statement on what is important for GSA students, we may consider to have an open meeting for people to express their comments
 - There is a meeting on October 22nd for final recommendation from the board of trustees (Chris)
 - Allison: maybe we should focus in creating awareness, so that grads know about the process, the candidates, and how can they participate.

- Owen: When are the meetings with candidates happening? There is a full schedule in the website (Allison)
 - Ely: a secondary event (parallel to meetings with the candidates) is hard for people to attend, maybe it'll be easier to ask all graduates about priorities, maybe send out a survey to gather this information.
 - Eugene: It would have been better to have done that during the spring semester, as there was an official call to provide input on the topic at that time.
 - Owen: could we have a special meeting next week.
 - Craig: Maybe we should have a Special GSA Senate meeting next Monday to discuss this topic in further details
 1. 14 Senators agree with having a meeting
 2. There will be a Special Meeting on Monday, October 7th, 5-6pm to further discuss how to proceed on the Presidential Search topic
4. Dean of Student Life Search: Open discussion (Craig)
- GSA involvement? There is no information about how this position would have any relation with the GSA.
 - Scott: sub-committee, not discussed in the Student Life Meeting.
 - Eileen: Is this the same position currently occupied by Dean Lombard? It's not (Scott)
5. Professional Development Committee Information
- EVENT: "All you need to know to defend". Topics will include deadlines, paperwork and forms. It may be too late for students graduating in December, since those deadlines have passed already, but it's still time for students graduating in the spring to be aware of the process. To be held on Thursday, October 10, 12:45-1:45pm in 110 Moon Library.
 - Grants and Professional Committees will be co-hosting an event to inform about a wide range of Grants, including the ones that attract the most interest, such as those awarded by NSF and the EPA. Date, time and location to be decided.
 - Library offered to open a special collection with conferences and collections information. Poster containers, microphone, pointer, easels, holders for posters. Jess wants input. These items could be used by all GSA students.
6. Social Committee & GSO coordination
- Is there any communication going on? (Craig Lazzar)

- Owen met Judy, counterpart at the SU GSO. She was open to work with the GSA Social Committee on any kind of event.
- Some potential events:
 1. Fright Night at the Fair: GSA-GSO event would consist of sponsoring tickets for the fair and maybe carpooling there.
 2. Beer tasting: Judy at the GSO indicated that it's only \$150 per event, because breweries use the opportunity to advertise their products. Could be a good opportunity for the GSA Social Committee
- 7. Further scheduling for upcoming event: Wine Tour
 - Wine tour (Katie): It's important for people to sign-up and pay their deposit, as spots are not secured until payment is received (first paid, first served)
 - Allison: Make sure not to have any late charges or alcohol/food consumption in the bus, because the payment is on the treasurer's personal credit card.
- 8. Low Attendance to the meeting (Rigoberto Melgar)
 - It's concerning that we have very few people at this meeting, we should address this issue
 - Craig: As long as there are enough senators to have a quorum, it's not that much of a problem. We do have a quorum today
 - Owen: it'd help attendance to send out the reminder in advance rather than in short notice

Upcoming events:

- Wine Tour: October 6th, 10:15 – 4:15, meeting at Standart Lot
- All you need to know to defend: October 10th, 12:45-1:45pm, 110 Moon Library
- Grants Informational Session: October 15th, 12:30-1:30pm, Baker 437
- International Night: TBD

Attendance:

GSA Senate

1. Craig Lazzar
2. Tom Taggart

3. Owen Hunter
4. Matt Regan
5. Eileen Leon
6. Allison Oakes
7. Ely Margolis
8. Christopher Foelker
9. Eugene Law
10. Jonathan Masih Das
11. Emily Handelman
12. Katie Batill
13. Becky Meissner
14. Forrest Baird
15. Darya Karpenko
16. Liza Legorova
17. Ingrid Brofman
18. N. Scott Bergey
19. Doug Morrison

Guests

Rigoberto Melgar (GPES)