



### **Reminders/Follow-up:**

- Go to the University Police to have your ID card updated and allow you access into the GSA office (They have your names and numbers on file).
- Lindsay now has control over the website!!

### **General Meeting**

#### **"Old Business"**

- Updates on unfilled positions
  - ~Welcome to Neil Kohan (SCME), Michele Hierholzer (ES), and Natalia Cagide (LA)
- Discussion of moving biweekly GSA meetings to 5:00-6:00pm starting with Oct. 1 st meeting
  - ~October 1st meeting will be at 5pm
- Ordering GSA T-Shirts
  - ~Number needed/Total cost-we wil order the minimum number, which is is 24 shirts, it will cost ~\$325
  - ~Vote on budget allocation for t-shirts
    - Cat Foley proposed to spend the money on t-shirts
    - David Schmidt seconded the motion
    - 20 voted yes, motion was passed
- Updates on GA Stipend Issue presented by Kapil Mandrekar at 9/5 meeting (Jimmy)
  - ~Monazir Khan (GSEU representative) will share details on GA stipends across SUNY and share how he can be a part of this process
    - Stipends on ESF campus is low compared to Albany, Binghamton and Stonybrook etc. Those stipends are typically above \$16 thousand and it is his objective to bring SUNY ESF up to that level. His position to negotiate does not extend to campus employees, only allows him to work in Advocacy. He can provide information on stipends from other capuses and help to get petitions circulated.
    - ~Kapil, "How does money trickle down through the college?"-Monazir "It is a myth that the majority of the money comes from the state. The state pays only 22% of the SUNY budget, the school is mainly funding stipends."
    - ~Kapil and Erica Tauzer will be continuing to work on this issue and keep us informed
- Suggested focus points (Shared by Kapil).
  - To increase the Ph.D. and Masters stipend to match the median stipends of the rest of the SUNY centrals.
  - That our goal (SUNY ESF) is to finish students, thus the duration of funding lasts for the duration of the graduate programs. (Ph.D. =5 yr; MS= 2yr; MLA=3 yr).
  - That the decision to award TA/GA is in the hands of the faculty and not the department chairs. Faculty comittees would decide based on applicant merits who to award them to. If someone is admitted to the Ph.D. program they automatically get a TA. No Ph.D. without funding will be allowed to be

admitted (must either have outside funding or be awarded funding from the school upon acceptance). For the MS/MPS/MLA awards will be given based on merit of the application dependent on faculty committee decisions.

iv. Want to have on hand statistics for the amount of students that are unfunded etc.  
iiv. Want to find out what fees will be with higher with higher stipends. ESF students make less in stipends than SUNY Buffalo students.

iiiv. In order to be considered a National Research University we need to graduate 20 P.H.D. students annually. Admissions are partially based on this.

### “New Business”

-Committee updates on first meetings – upcoming events in September?

~Prof. Dev:

-Do you want to graduate? Informational session with OIGS office and student panel Friday Sept. 23rd 12-1pm 110 Moon Library

-Focused on survey questions,

-Continue with spotlight on student research and elevator pitch contest

~Social:

-Apple Picking Saturday September 22, meeting in Standart Parking Lot at noon to organize carpools and drive to orchard.

-Thanks to Lindsay for making the posters

-Pre-trivia TG tentatively happening at the end of the month, there will be updates

-October TGs-Halloween Party and Wine Tour

-November TG- Harvest Pot Luck

-December TG -Board Games

~Speaker Committee:

-Want to have 10 graduate student speakers, 2 big names outside of syracuse and professor speakers as well

-Waiting until the surveys come back to see what students might be interested in

-Potentially having Frank Kotch speak at the end of October

-Want to try to get funding money from departments as well as GSA

~Grants/Awards Committee:

-Travel grants to be moved over to a lottery system

~Check for completeness, only for presenters not attendees

-How often should they be offered or ow should they be offered, retroactively? All grants at ESF would be strictly reimbursements (would need to submit receipts with proof of submitted abstract).

-Need to arrange times and requirements to be receiving receipts so that GSA budget does not pay for past year grants.

~Hoping to have applications out to people by mid-October

~Original work grants/Research-in-need grants will be far more involved to apply for.

-Lindsay mentioned having grants adapted for LA department as well, John confirmed that wll grants would be suited to all departments.

~International Committee:

-Did not have a chance yet to meet.

Treasury:

-There were funds left over from last year, but they exact amount has not yet been configured. Once the last grants being distributed are awarded we will know the official funds available. Committees are expected to have the same budgets as this previous year until final tallies are made.

-Providing GSO non-academic services information to grad student body (Jessica B.)

~There are two ways that students pay Student Activity Fees through GSO. One fee is autoatically taken, \$15. Two pools of money pay for these services, one pays for access to the Inn Complete and The Drumlin's Country Club (Discounts on food etc.) these discounts are listed on the GSA and GSO website. Student legal services, SU early education and childcare center and a daycare center are all partially paid for. Jessica will be adding questions to the survey and sending out an email to make sure students are informed about these services.

~There are no specific health allocations. We will continue to decipher where money paid goes in terms of ESF students vs. SU students.

-GSA Grad Student Survey

~Survey not finished as of yet, a list of questions will be sent out for final comment via email before it is finalized.

~ Submission of survey to Assessment Office for review ASAP

-Constitutional Review

~Proposed protocols and timeline

~Reference documents for alternate format/structure include GSO Constitution,

~Faculty Governance, others?

o Brief overview of what is missing in constitution/revision needs

~Need committee statements

o Volunteers for a constitutional review subgroup

~David, Abigail

-Whitney L.M. will be in touch about reorganizing GSA office for volunteers who would like to help

**Announcements:**

You're invited:

-Meeting: Monday 9/17 5:30-6:30pm

-Wednesday September 19 meeting with College Registrar Candidate Leslie Rutowski

~Student/Faculty Presentation: 11:30-12:30 in 408 Baker

~Student Lunch: 12:30-1:15 in 408 Baker

-Wednesday September 19: College Governance Meeting

~12:45pm in 146 Baker, first college governance meeting of the semester

~Student Lunch with new Career Services Internship Coordinator

-Tuesday September 25 11:30-12:30 in 408 Baker – Candidate John Nehme Jr.

-Tuesday October 2 11:30-12:30 in 110 Moon – Candidate Pamela Noel

**\*If you go to these you will need to evaluate the candidates**

**Attendance:**

Graduate Student Association General Meeting Minutes

Date: 09/17/1912

Stacey Mack		Steve Calogh		Thomas Taggart	
Whitney Carleton		Jenny Wang		Lindsay Perez	
Neil Kohan		John Wiley		David Schmidt	
Abbie Larkin		Emily Hughes		Brent Johnson	
Prajakta Dougre		Kelly Bancroft		Matt Regan	
Cat Foley		Michele Hierholzer		Jessica B	
Whitney L Marshall		Erica Tauzer		Kapil Mandrekar	
Jimmy MacCarthy		Monazir Khan		Doug Morrison	
Natalia Cagide					