



GSA Senate Meeting
Feb 9, 2023 @ 5pm – 7pm

Location: Baker 254

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Agenda

1. Welcome - Emme
2. Roll Call - Makayla
 - a. Apologies & Proxies - Ashmita at conference this week
 - b. Quorum - Yes
3. Previous Minutes – Makayla - going to merge the two notes documents from last meeting into one, approve next meeting
4. Recap/Old Business
 - a. Welcome TG
 - i. rescheduled, February 24th - all details the same
 - ii. RSVP required again to get the drink ticket
 - b. CNY Conference on Environmental Science & Studies – Emme
 - i. marketing work is the main concern right now - getting the word out!
 - ii. send out a campus wide email about the conference - hopefully by tomorrow
 - iii. department chairs should be aware of this
 - iv. 21 days from the abstract acceptance deadline
 - v. Andrea willing to do one of the workshops
 - vi. President Mahoney has committed to helping us get some funding for the event
 - vii. Gabriela has monthly LSAMP meeting soon - going to ask about funding and getting students to register and submit abstracts
 - viii. flyers around campus - in the graduate school office to be passed around and hung up
 - ix. Mike will reach out to SU external affairs to see about circulating the information to SU grads
 - x. Silas from MOSA is concerned that this is a grad student event but most applicants right now are undergrad students - going to bring up funding at their next meeting
 - xi. most people willing to look to see if there are funds available to help us, or willing to dedicate some other help (grad student volunteers/workshop leaders)
 - xii. meeting with Salt City Bar representatives for the Friday night Welcome Reception - 10 am, thinking about a fully private event
 - xiii. Jordan following up/meeting with catering options in the next week
 - xiv. Dr. Yanai has volunteered to do a workshop on Writing for Scientific Publication - 2 hour workshop but can be flexible, inviting her grad students in FOR 694 to be small group leaders
 - xv. met with directors of alumni relations - willing to help on career discussions
 - c. Subcommittee plans for Spring '23/Fall '23

- i. Social
 - 1. tacos and trivia - Leah going to talk to Buried Acorn, hopefully aiming for March before Spring Break
 - 2. Brewery/Winery tour - looking for investment into the idea - survey the students to see what the interest level is, putting a poll in the Discord - aiming for later in the semester (mid April)
 - 3. May - end of semester picnic
 - 4. Face-to-face item swap, set up in Gateway - goal is to swap items for people who are leaving or have things to get rid of - don't even necessarily need to swap things but we would offer free things that people don't need anymore - include some simple snacks
 - a. would need a plan to handle any extra stuff that people leave - donate to Goodwill and use GSA member car power
 - b. clothes can go to Bray Space for people to take when they need to
 - c. talk to MOSA because undergrad students do something like this in the Fall
- ii. GSEU
 - 1. RA union campaign
 - a. going to go public soon and try to get funding information from students and get cards signed
 - b. improve record keeping system to identify who is on an RA versus TA position
 - c. need funding sources - which students may or may not know
 - 2. living wage campaign push
 - a. Senate side of the GSEU decision-making system, fee bill is set to pass on Tuesday which would eliminate fees and some work will be done on the House side to see if we can get it to pass
 - b. if it doesn't pass through the House - we can still fight via the contract negotiation
- iii. IDE
 - 1. accessibility services survey coming - done but needs to be distributed
 - a. after Jordan will start reaching out to campus offices to see what needs to be done to resolve some of these issues
 - 2. event late March - cultural event collaborating with SU clubs and other groups - dance night
- iv. PD
 - 1. Dr. Josh Drew EB - late April, "Building a Better Fieldwork Future" workshop - looking for GSA interest in working on this - need a better picture of what support they need from the GSA
 - a. encouraging well-being in the field by educating about boundaries in the field and team-member relationships
- v. Grants and Awards
 - 1. official Fall acceptance letters will be sent out
 - 2. Feb. 15 will have the Spring ones sent out
 - 3. going to address any questions sent to the GSA gmails
 - 4. accumulating the official acceptance letters and reports from the conferences - being filed and organized

- d. Communications - Resolution
 - i. start bringing this issue up with everyone (BoT) - push that all ESF students want this
 - ii. Emme meeting with Provost on Monday
 - iii. need to provide solid feedback for the resolution, BoT meets after our next meeting so if we could pass this resolution at our next meeting
- e. Filling senate rolls for Fall '23 - Shumaila - no updates on filling Senate roles
- f. Access ENGAGE (demonstration) – Emme
- g. Events that bring people together - Midday Mellow
 - i. create spaces for admin to come and talk with grad students in an open fashion about problems grads are facing
- 5. New Business
 - a. Engagement with Alumni
 - i. willing to look into helping fund the conference
 - ii. going to look into helping on the PD panel for the conference by contacting alumni to be on it
 - iii. mentioned they want to charge students an alumni fee - we are looking instead to use a part of the GSA fee to cover this smaller charge - requires discussion on if we should increase GSA fee
 - 1. benefits would include a mentoring program with alumni, working on developing a software to match students with alumni
 - 2. outlined their scholarships and funding they offer to grad students
- 6. Any Other Business – All
 - a. Jordan meeting with 2nd of 2 candidates for Chief Diversity Officer for the school tomorrow - 2 pm to 3 pm in Gateway having a Q&A open to the public but if you can't make it direct questions to Jordan to be asked
 - i. first candidate was good - wants to get rid of GRE requirement and wants to implement IDE more into research, a lot of ideas for increasing diversity retention in the school
 - ii. second candidate has more expertise with international student retention
- 7. Date of next meeting
 - a. February 23, 2023
- 8. Adjourn