

GSA Senate Business Meeting
Jan 16, 2024 @11am – 12:15pm
Baker Lab Room 254



Agenda

1. Welcome - Emme
2. Roll Call - Makayla
 - a. Apologies & Proxies
 - i. Laurel Williams proxying for Makayla Light
 - ii. Taya Muslim Hamid proxying for Gundeep Kaur
 - b. Quorum
 - i. Confirmation for quorum with 9/15
3. Confirmation of meeting minutes for Nov 29, 2023
 - a. Motioned to confirm by Laurel Williams, seconded by Amy Owens, unanimous consent
4. Senate Business
 - a. Previous Business
 - i. CCESS24
 1. March 22-23, 2024 (week after spring break)
 2. Theme: Beyond the Forest - Critical Reflections on Space and Conservation
 3. Will be in Gateway
 4. Invited Aidan Ackerman (confirmed) and Robin Kimmer (awaiting confirmation)
 5. Call for abstracts is open until January 31st.
 6. Included with elevator pitch (only for graduate students)
 - ii. Research Mentoring
 1. Successfully launching, about 10 graduate students participating with at least one graduate student.
 2. Have participants from all departments but landscape architecture
 3. Participating at this program is at no cost to graduate students
 - b. New Business
 - i. Committee Recap, Updates & Plans
 1. All
 - a. Laurel Williams - Chief Communications Officer
 - i. Senate drop-ins (more details will be sent to department reps)
 - ii. Instagram highlighting graduate students
 - b. Andrea Cass - GPES Rep
 - i. Bagels with Buddies - 1/25/23 at 11 in Baker 254
 - c. Amy Owens - External Affairs
 - i. MOSA and GSA reps for meeting on January 23rd, reach out to Amy if there are any concerns to go through Academic Governance
 - ii. Auxiliary Forces Commission (Amy is unable to attend meetings, so if there is anyone else available let her know)



- iii. Town Hall meetings with drop-ins with other SUNY schools (people just don't come) reallocating budgets to other areas
- iv. GSO's big voting item was around environmentally friendly practices on campus, trying to talk to them about that.
- d. Emily Friden - Social Committee
 - i. Social events last semester were successful; one of the events was \$35 over budget
 - ii. TG this Friday night at Fagen's Pub (department reps: email your peers about it)
 - iii. Breakfast Social sometime around midterms
 - iv. May TG end-of-year wrapup
- e. Taye Muslim Hamid - Professional Development
 - i. Last semester was slow
 - ii. Looking to have some alums to come around to help with PD workshop
 - iii. Have some sort of timeline planned, president suggested having faculty members there to share how their particular timeline would go
- f. Macy Carr - EB Rep
 - i. Setting up a meeting with folks that came in last semester (sci-pie and writing group), looking to assist already formed groups in EB
 - ii. There is an EB student fully teaching a course and getting paid less than a TA, student is now teaching the course and also his own TA to allow for enough money to live.
- g. Kahlil Deka - ES Rep
 - i. Finding speakers, will be sending out emails to scout.
- h. Additional Info
 - i. During meetings for candidates for the dean of the graduate school, there were conversations coming from graduate students; discussing how there is disconnect between the college and departments when it comes to requirements for completing a degree.
 - ii. Lack of transparency for fees; make information more readily accessible
- c. New Senate Appointments
 - i. Candidates
 - 1. Maria - SRM (retracted nomination)
 - 2. Anusha - SRM
 - 3. Motion to appoint Anusha Lamsal for SRM representative
 - a. Motioned by Andrea Cass, seconded by Amy Owens, unanimous
 - d. Plan formulation for increasing SAF for AY24-25
- 5. Any Other Business
- 6. Adjourn
 - a. Second Tuesdays of each month for full senate

- b. Next meeting on February 13th, 2024, from 11am-12:15pm
- c. Motion to adjourn by Amy Owens, seconded by Emily Friden at 12:13

