

GSA Senate Meeting
Jan 26, 2023 @ 5pm – 7pm

Location: Baker 254

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Agenda

1. Welcome - Emme
2. Roll Call - Emme
 - a. Designated notetaker in Makayla's absence - took last half of notes (highlighted topics covered in other notes set)
 - b. Apologies
 - i. Senate Changes
 1. VP Curriculum and EB Rep Resigned since last meeting
 - c. Proxies
 - d. Quorum
3. Previous Minutes – Emme
4. Recap/Old Business
 - a. Undergraduate Research Mentoring – Emme
 - b. CNY Conference on Environmental Science & Studies – Emme
 - i. so far giving positive vibes about hosting the conference - need to be proactive about sharing the call for abstracts with local colleges and universities
 - ii. prioritize getting ESF grads to submit abstracts
 - iii. Conference Planning Committee meeting Monday 1/30/23 - hoping to finalize budget for next week - GSO meeting to approve money from SU 3/1/23 and also asking MOSA for help
5. New Business
 - a. Upcoming Events for Feb
 - i. 2/3/23 TG at the Inn Complete from 7 pm to 11 pm - Makayla and Jack going to help Leah check in for the event
 - ii. another event later in February - last Friday or around then, either be at the Orange Crate or a trivia night at the Buried Acorn tap house, hire trivia company (Tacos and Trivia Night maybe)
 - b. Subcommittee plans for Fall '23
 - i. PD - grad school doesn't have any PD workshops at the moment but they can help with contacts for different workshops
 - ii. External - grad students at SU are organizing, supporting them with union stuff, town hall event may not come to fruition - maybe in a smaller capacity this could be beneficial (maybe just inviting Valerie and the Provost to a meeting to ask them questions) - smaller events are going to be better and more beneficial towards getting engagement, recommend a joint effort between External and Social (more social events with a purpose), in contact with GSO Internal VP to get a listserv for the GSO that includes ESF students so we will be getting their emails for events

- and updates, meeting about what the services that are guaranteed by GSO towards ESF students to be solidified this semester
- iii. Diversity and Equity - dig into the accommodations complaints, get general understanding about what is available and what is currently in place to ensure these accommodations (neither SU nor ESF has gotten back), if they don't get back another survey will be sent to the students - going to send a request to Erin Tocellii on the AG committee, trying to do 1 event for late March - talked to some SU performance groups to give a performance at ESF, interviews for the Chief Diversity Officer - Jordan will be representing GSA
 - iv. EB - more actively organize events that bring people together - Midday Mellow that will get grad students talking about issues (in part with communications and social) - do them regularly (monthly), potluck, coffee and bagels, work at developing similar events for the campus community
 - v. Communications - reimbursement forms from ordering stickers and journals, sticker competition during Earth Week
 - vi. Grants and Awards - letters to Fall 2022 awardees will be dispatched in the coming weeks
- c. Access ENGAGE (demonstration) - Emme
 - i. skipped due to technical difficulties
 - ii. Department Reps may not have full access
 - d. Communications - Resolution
 - i. send draft via email
 - ii. AG knows that we will be doing this resolution
 - e. Filling senate rolls for Fall '23 - Shumaila
 - i. three emails inquiring information about roles but no applications were given
 - ii. resend an email calling for applications on Friday 1/27/23 with more information about the roles and specific responsibilities for this semester
 - f. ESFs Five-year Strategic Plan – Emme
 - i. submitted ideas at the end of last semester
 - ii. not seeming to be truly collaborated effort - we were asked pretty last minute
 - iii. table of opportunities, challenges, and remediations - will be forwarded via email
 - iv. focus groups upcoming - participation in these will be updated via email when they come up in the future
 - g. Search – Chief Diversity Officer
 - i. seems to be some lack of enthusiasm when it comes to including students in the search
 - ii. systemic issue of engagement with students
 - iii. send emails to Jordan with questions for the candidates - throughout next week (1/30/23 through 2/3/23)
6. Any Other Business – All
 - a. Improving student engagement with GSA
 7. Date of next meeting
 - a. February 9, 2023
 8. Adjourn