

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

Location: Baker 254

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Agenda

1. Welcome - Emme
2. Roll Call - Makayla
 - a. Apologies & Proxies
 - b. Quorum
3. Previous Minutes – Makayla
 - a. 2/9/23 - Mike motioned, Jordan seconds - unanimous approval
 - b. 2/26/23 - Mike motioned, Jordan seconds - unanimous approval
4. Recap/Old Business
 - a. CNY Conference on Environmental Science & Studies – Emme
 - i. everything still going according to plan
 - ii. 71 people registered and 37 abstracts submitted as of 3/9/23 - deadline for submissions is tomorrow (3/10/23)
 - iii. going to check tomorrow to see if we need to increase orders for anything
 - iv. fully funded, started to order the branded paraphernalia - notebooks, pens, tumblers with the conference logo printed on them - not the sticker route
 - v. banner is in the process of being designed
 - vi. confirmed catering
 - vii. paid the deposit for Salt City to do the reception
 - viii. all speakers have confirmed their spots
 - ix. LSAMP - asking for reimbursement into the GSA account so the funds can be used for whatever is appropriate
 - x. switch communication from asking for registration and abstracts because we are reaching out quota
 - xi. can allow for some overflow if we have an excess of abstracts submitted
 - b. Spotlight on Student Research
 - i. April 11th, call for abstracts is open
 - ii. need graduate students to volunteer for help - registration from 8:30 am to 9:30 am, help set up and judge poster setups mid-day, and take down posters in the afternoon
 - iii. contact Emme for more information
 - c. Communications Resolution (Emme)
 - i. submitted to Dean of Graduate School - Valerie, Faculty Advisor - Ebby, and President in MOSA - Silas
 - ii. changes include the addition of the whereas that faculty can find our syr emails through Banner

- iii. changes include the highlighting of the esf email as the primary email for ESF students as a standalone statement
- iv. minor edits to the list of people that this document is shared with
- v. motion requested to pass resolution 01.2023 - Makayla motioned, Jordan seconded - unanimous vote
- vi. will make it to the AG meeting in this coming April and the BoT at the end of the semester

5. New Business

a. Meeting with Provost Mukasa

- i. emailed the department chairs for a final push for the conference
- ii. relationship between graduate students and ESF
 1. December, Tom (from the Strategic Planning Committee) asked the GSA for feedback on ESF practices with a very short turnaround time
 2. initial reaction to graduate student disenchantment was to take it personally
 3. in the past he had said that GSA would invite the provost to a Town Hall to discuss graduate student problems and concerns - plan a Town Hall for him to come to
 - a. why does this need to be student-led?
 - b. having this conversation with a few people
 4. Mike going to reach out and ask the provost office to help schedule a town hall in attempt to get them to initiate the communication or at least invite him to a meeting to come and listen to one of our meetings

b. Committee Updates

- i. EA - GSO meeting last week on what SU GSO is supposed to be providing ESF students as of the fees that we pay, they mentioned that they were thinking about increasing our fees but they don't have that power - Valerie says that there are a bunch of services that should be a part of our relationship that her and the Graduate School cannot find information about - ask students to support unionization efforts over at SU, they are voting in April - University is officially supporting the effort and offering spaces for the voting and negotiation to occur
- ii. IDE - 3/27/23 Cultural Dance Night, started advertising through the Graduate Student listserv this past week and will look into contacting the International Student Association - also confirmed catering with Ibib's - survey on accessibility accommodations did not get a huge turnout (26 respondents with a majority of them being graduate students), wrote up report and sent it to Silas and Ebby, Silas will send it out to the members of MOSA and they might make a little task-force to keep an eye out - overall the survey pointed out that there is still work to do in terms of building access on campus, furniture, entrances accessibility - Bray was ranked the first in terms of inaccessibility followed by either Illick or Baker - specific reports of accommodations being granted to them by professors and facing discrimination with the school - recommendations that professors get reminders to provide accommodations and why they are useful but also more regimented application of the accommodations - hopes to redo the survey in the fall to increase our numbers - accommodations for parents was a big push as well as for students who are facing chronic medical disabilities where there is not a lot of flexibility - one of the issues is that accommodations need to be renewed every

- semester but is not communicated to the students who would need to renew them
- going to aim for a joint task force between MOSA and GSA
- iii. Grants and Awards - special awards will be released in April and everything else is going according process
- iv. PD - most of the updates are regarding the conference
- v. Communications - if any emails need to be sent let Shumaila know but other news is for the conference
- c. Reimbursement/Disbursement Protocol
 - i. new form that functions for events
 - ii. need to do a disbursement form for every spend (every swipe of the card) and request the forms now ahead of the event - submitted to Emme for now because Treasurer position is empty
 - iii. request the amount off of the invoice, we can still spend prior to an event but we need to submit these forms!
- d. Improvements internally to MOSA Executives/Benefits of Student Government
 - i. started the process to ensure everyone gets an equitable stipend for all the members
 - ii. still in the process of thinking about what to ask from the institution
 - iii. currently thinking of subsidizing the student fees in exchange
 - iv. we are crucial in facilitating communication with the administration but also acts as an incentive to get more people to participate in student government
- 6. Date of next meeting
 - a. March 23, 2023
- 7. Adjourn