



GSA Senate Business Meeting
Nov 1, 2023 @ 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Baker Lab Room 254

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Agenda

1. Welcome - Emme
2. Roll Call - Makayla
 - a. Apologies & Proxies
 - i. Olivia Grogga being Proxied by Makayla Light
 - ii. Khalil DeKa absent with apologies
 - b. Quorum
 - i. Yes with 11/15
3. Confirmation of meeting minutes
 - a. Motioned by Emily Friden and seconded by Andrea Cass, unanimous consent confirms minutes
4. Senate Business
 - a. Previous Business

GPAC (Graduate Program Advisory Committee)

- representative body for graduate students - totally separate from EB, but currently no other members from other departments
- general coordination of grad student careers (4 faculty and 4 grad students - 2 PhDs and 2 masters)
- currently all EB but just a function of the number of graduate students
- want to function with elections every year, drafting summary welcome letter for everything
- generally helping graduate students navigate curriculum and school

How does this club differ from GSA as a whole - more professional development related (opportunities to learn something or present research) - aiming to help students with this

1. Drafting where GSA is acting and where the GPAC club takes over
2. Continue drafting budget changes - take budget from research and curriculum and professional development
3. Committee could be the student representatives of GPAC and then any outside people who are active in the department
 - Currently go through Macy and she can coordinate with other department reps for the rest of the events
 - Keep them up to date on bylaws changing after the next meeting
 - GPAC meeting once per month - Nov. 9 2023

See GSA Resolution on Departmental Funding in GSA AY 2023-2024 Folder

- ii. AY 23-24 Budget

1. Allocating \$490 from Pumpkin Carving and \$419 from Halloween Party and \$400 from Arts and Crafts and \$513 from Thanksgiving TG and (Social), \$220 from Halloween sponsorship (International), \$165 from elevator pitch competition and \$275 from grads-teaching grads (Professional Development), \$880 from fall four minute thesis competition (Research and Curriculum)
 2. Motion to approve the budget with amendments and noted additional funding of \$3200 made by Laurel Williams and seconded by Emily Friden - approved with majority voting. \$2600 will be available to departments and affiliate organizations without the need for application to GSA.
 3. Motion to approve resolution to divest programming to department chair persons via an affiliate organizations program made by Laurel Williams and seconded by Emily Friden - approved with majority voting
- iii. CCESS'24
1. Organizing committee met last Friday - graduate and undergraduate representatives on that committee
 2. Purpose was to approve the budget - done and sent to ORP (committed \$7000 to the conference) - we can confidently move forward in planning
 3. Next meeting is to determine theme and by end of semester hope to open a call for abstracts and sessions
- iv. GSA/MOSA Research Mentoring Program
1. Undergraduate students really want to get research experience - graduate students would benefit well from this
 2. Undergraduate students would register for a 1 credit mentorship course and graduate students would register for a 1 credit research mentor position course, ESF has no professor of recordship for graduate students - all costs associated with the program would be covered, no fees or tuition for that one course
 3. Currently have 9 graduate students who have signed up to be mentors (aimed for 10)
 4. Idea is that the student would work alongside the graduate student and you would work out what they would do and what the deliverables would be at the end of the semester
 5. Pass/Fail class, low commitment - once weekly meeting with other people in the program to hash out issues and things that come up, small funding source to help with the research, no GPA
- b. Committee Updates
- i. Social Activities and Student Engagement
 1. Beak and Skiff happened a few Fridays ago
 2. Winery tour, going to be the final event of the season - bus fee \$600, \$25 cover fee, Skaneateles wine tour and then walking around Skaneateles for a few hours, Sunday Nov. 12 - Emily going to talk with Ebby about travel waivers and requiring people to ride the bus
 - ii. Grants & Awards

1. Grants and Awards for Fall '23 has been announced - convene and review applications at some point
 2. Form committee on December 23rd - when the applications close
 3. Decisions will be taken by January at the latest
 4. John Stella is open to the idea of match our Grants and Awards budget (~\$10,000)
 - iii. Professional Development
 1. PD office organizing workshop before Thanksgiving for new graduate students and pre-candidacy students to answer all the questions relating to that - same week of wine tour (16th or 17th of November - if not, right after Thanksgiving when we come back)
 2. Represented GSA at the Building a Better Fieldwork Future (Oct. 24th)
5. Any Other Business
 - a. GSA Senate Drop-In
 - i. We don't know a bunch of the grad students and they don't know us - organize GSA drop-ins with various GSA departments with coffee and donuts and have 30 minute chats with students in various department - Laurel Williams being charged with this
 - b. Chief Financial Officer
 - i. We'll need more PEX cards - each department rep with get a PEX card and that is how we will fund the departmental events
 - ii. Talked with Raymond (CFO of MOSA) about MOSA MoU
 - c. Representative for SRM
 - i. Planning to interact with current graduate students in SRM
 - ii. Going to better define the scope of the department representative position
 - iii. Going to appoint via email chain
 - d. GSEU
 - i. Trying to get a bargaining schedule down with NYS
 - e. Motion to allow Emily to serve as the social chair and chemistry department representative for AY 2023-2024
 - i. Motion made by Makayla Light and seconded by Laurel Williams
 - ii. Majority voting to approve - motion passed
6. Adjourn
 - a. Date of Next Meeting – Nov 29, 5:30 pm
 - i. Motion to adjourn made by Emily Friden and seconded by Makayla Light