

GSA Senate Meeting  
November 4, 2022 @ 5pm – 7pm

Location: Baker 254

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## Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
  - a. Apologies
  - b. Proxies
3. Previous Minutes – Makayla
  - a. Mike motioned to pass previous meeting minutes and seconded by Jack
4. Recap/Old Business
  - a. Bylaws – Makayla
    - i. sending Shumaila the confirmed bylaws to be posted on website and distributed through the listserv
  - b. Senate Roles
    - i. VP Curriculum – Breath Hand
    - ii. VP Socials – Leah Prudent
    - iii. GSO Reps – Jordan Elliot & Gabriela Wemple
    - iv. Removal of Molly Heit as GSO Rep
      1. Mike motioned to remove, Breath seconded motion - Shumaila abstained, Unanimous besides.
  - c. Trainings - Jordan
    - i. Anti-Bias and Safe Zone Training???
      1. meeting Sunday only covers Engage, Bystander Intervention, and Title IX
      2. Safe-Zone training this Tuesday from 6 pm to 7 pm (normal time of meeting and place but on an off week) - if you cannot attend email Jordan to set up another time
        - a. more informal paper sign in sheet, don't need a reservation on Corq/Engage
    - ii. **Mandatory Club Training – Final date Nov 6 @ 5:30pm in Gateway**
      1. All club officers must attend training that will include Engage/CORQ, Title IX, Anti-Bias, & Bystander Intervention.
      2. HAVE TO DO THIS!!!
      3. If you are having trouble registering for this event make sure you have joined GSA through Engage as a member of the organization and make sure you're logging in with your ESF credentials - if there is an issue and its day-of someone will be at the door to help you log in and get registered
5. Committee Updates
  - a. Open Floor

- i. EA - committee established, contact with GSO Internal VP and new members added to listserv, first time in 5 years that ESF's delegation has been full, Town Hall coming up - talk about later in agenda, early development open house - potentially have Maxwell School come and advertise because ESF isn't doing much advertising for the dual enrollment program, check on status of Future Professorial Program
- ii. Any updates or amendments to the budget? - not since the last meeting
- iii. PD grants - need to communicate to the students, Nov 15 is the day they open - Annie sent it Shu and Shu sent it to Laura 2 days ago with guidelines for applying, follow up with her to distribute to the listserv
- iv. EB Reps - carrying on the Friday talks and Wednesday writing groups, attendance is decreasing slightly as the semester goes on, talked with museum coordinator and reserved Dec. 3 in Gateway as the Night at the Museum event - giving tours to students currently but sending a survey out to see what students want - 6 pm event starts, Halloween events in future years
- v. Union notes - trying to build RA union but not sharing with admin yet - one within the system at Stonybrook (working with people there), reach out to RA's who may be interested or TA's who are not a part of the union
- vi. Social - Halloween party went well (slight issue with tickets at the end that put us slightly over budget, need to rearrange budget slightly), need to submit the money that was collected from the event
- vii. Communications Survey Summary - has not been sent to everyone yet, slides on main findings - Abishek work with Shu on what PD things are available
  1. poor representation from MPS and MLA, distribution data is about correct with on campus
  2. scholarships and grants and social activities they are most interested in hearing about - other things are professional development/career services
  3. most people agree or neutral on the budget - some strongly disagreeing with it
  4. about half said they'd be interested in participating in the making of the budget
  5.  $\frac{2}{3}$  attended social events last year - want TGs, welcome picnic, want things with alcohol involved - end of semester celebration and wine/beer tour
  6. top three PD events include negotiating employment contracts (maybe union and PD collaborate), attending and presenting at conferences, and preparing cover letters and resume building, social media and websites for grad students,
  7. top three research topics - manuscript writing and preparing, applying for grants, developing research proposal, managing and keeping up with scientific literature (citation managers, etc.)
  8. want tips for defending their thesis, preparing candidacy exam, selecting committee members and best practices for steering committees
  9. most grads want to participate as a participant in grads teaching grads
  10. Grad Peer Mentor Program - mixed responses but most people wanted more information on the program or were interested in enrolling
  11. ESF has overall met grads expectations

12. overall people think that GSA has been representing marginalized groups relatively well
13. 92% supported eliminating fees and low wages was the top concern for grad students, 50% were union members and about 25% were interested in becoming a member or getting more information
14. at least 50% of students have indicated taking a course on diversity, equity, and inclusion (environmental justice)
15. most professors were not making accommodations for people with learning or physical disabilities - goes against syllabus information
  - a. issue of grad students not being prepared to accommodate students, AG have agreed to include graduate TAs in professional trainings that they are requiring professors to take (they currently don't exist though)

## 6. New Business

- a. Grad Research Conference – Shayan/Abishek
  - i. skeletal description of the conference, discussion ended with 2 options - graduate student conference internally with grads from ESF or a bigger central NY conference with a specific theme that we can announce in other universities
  - ii. very optimistic of supporting the extending it beyond ESF option
  - iii. larger conferences though require a lot of people to help volunteer and keep track of things
  - iv. bring it up at GSO to see if we can get some help funding
  - v. inviting faculty to present at the conference? days for conference - decide on date?
- b. Undergraduate Research Mentoring - Breath
  - i. met with Valerie and met with MOSA, put together a survey to gauge interest in having an undergrad research mentee - put in place in the spring, Valerie not worried about numbers, need the major professors to sign off on it, required core course for grad students on professional development for the mentors, we get evaluated as TAs, the work the undergrads do should lead to something tangible for them to turn in, hoping to get scholarships to cover the course cost for the grad students to teach the courses
- c. Faculty Advisor – Emme
  - i. with reorganization of Engagement of Success - Ebby is now overseer of all student organizations, nobody asked Kim about advising - she is one of two advisors, Kim declined, need to talk with Ebby if some staff member or faculty member needs to be attached to the organization - if so we need some clear expectations because the FA hasn't really contributed in recent years in terms
- d. Upcoming events
  - i. wine tour was on agenda - looking into garage - over \$2000 for blue bus rental, could rent individual cars but we need designated drivers, wineries will not accept large groups of people, coming up quickly and Leah wouldn't be there, don't have reservations for the wineries - replace with something else and move to spring
  - ii. TGs - Inn Complete booked except 10 am or Dec. 19, try to schedule something there in the spring, look into some other places - casual TG thing - Bullfinch Brewery or Orange Crate by Marshall St. (sports bar vibe), look into Draught House (right across the street from Orange Crate) - Orange Crate was very

friendly to ESF students in the past and would manage their own tickets - Nov 18 event Friday night

- iii. December event - winter soiree to have in Gateway - Fri Dec. 2 or Sat Dec. 10 - keep thinking about that - maybe combine it with the Night at the Museum event and open it up to all grads

7. General Operations and Planning

i. Funds reimbursement - Emme

1. appointment letters are made for new people
2. reimbursement request for the semesterly stipends and for any personal funds spend on GSA events
3. college and GSA doesn't pay for dispersed funds up front, need to request for a reimbursement from the school
4. keep copies of receipts for anything bought
5. sign form as the person requesting and then get signature from President, Treasurer, and Faculty Advisor (2 of 3)
6. cannot guarantee that GSA will reimburse you - get confirmation with either President or Treasurer if you need to spend your own money

8. Date of next meeting

- a. November 15<sup>th</sup> @6-8pm □Town Hall Mike

i. Mike will share details leading up to event

- b. send Shu events that need to be in the newsletter by the end of the weekend

9. Adjourn