



GSA Senate Meeting
October 18, 2022 @ 6pm – 8pm

Location: Baker 254

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Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
 - a. Apologies
 - i. Quorum achieved
3. Recap/Old Business
 - a. Approve previous meeting's minutes
 - i. Mike motions to approve, Annie seconds - approved unanimously
 - b. Review of Bylaws – Makalya
 - i. New position VP of External Affairs (Mike Goodman) approved by senate in previous meeting.
 - ii. Jordan motions to approve, Mike seconds - approved unanimously
 - c. Review of Budget – Atif/Emme
 - i. follow up with Atif about whether current grad student fees are included in the funds available row
 - ii. total includes both Fall and Spring semester
 - iii. budget for EA position covers participation in conferences (1 per semester) and town halls that we are having
 - iv. shirts taken out of communications budget, just do journals for grad students either personalized for GSA ESF or just put the GSA stickers we make on the journals, tumblers for Fall - give as much to research as possible for the mug idea mentioned previously - move \$3000 to research from communications to hopefully give everyone who publishes their mugs
 - v. social budget questions - funds for the events that didn't happen in Spring of last year - assumed to have rolled over from previous year, \$700 short on Halloween party - need to move some funds around (roll over funds from the apple picking event that was budgeted but not spent - \$380 and \$200 to allocate from international budget), Fall Welcome TG was a bigger spend because we rented space and had food options as well as drinks but just doing drinks won't be as expensive, move May TG to a May Picnic and then keep the other TGs or combine the January and March TG to one February TG, charge \$5 to offset cost for the Spring events, Annie could allocate some funds from special awards grant in Spring but this won't be known until the Spring (March/April)
 - vi. distribute the budget for comments from the graduate student body - email listserv, Discord, post on GSA website
 - d. Trainings - Jordan
 - i. Anti-Bias and Safe Zone Training??? – Jordan

- 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. MANDATORY - SHOW UP AND DO THIS - REGISTER ON CORQ
 - 3. register on Engage because you need to be a member of an organization (GSA hint hint) to actually register for this event
 - 4. this does not cover Safe-Zone training - this is being scheduled currently, should be able to get this training done during our meeting time on one of the off-weeks (probably not going to be a full 2 hours)
 - 5. any specific weeks - Tuesdays not Fridays, may have to do two separate sessions or record the training for people to watch because people are not available at this time certain weeks
- iii. WE LOSE FUNDING FOR THE WHOLE YEAR IF WE DO NOT DO THESE TRAININGS, PLEASE REGISTER - YOU WILL BE ASKED TO RESIGN FROM GSA IF YOU DO NOT DO THE TRAININGS

4. Committee Updates

a. Social

- i. Halloween party!! details on flyer that was posted to Discord and through the listserv
- ii. need someone to table the check in for students - Jordan going to volunteer
- iii. volunteers to clean up after the event, mostly involves taking down decorations
- iv. volunteers to help set up, starting at 2 pm the day of - Shumaila going to volunteer
- v. volunteers to pick up the pizza the day of, get it there around 7 pm - Jordan going to pick up the pizza
- vi. details about the sound system available through Moon Library?
- vii. Do we have folding tables available? - check Student Engagement or Facilities
- viii. Does GSEU want to help sponsor this event? - they can have a table and provide some extra money
- ix. \$10 for grads who RSVP, \$15 at the door and the same for guests
- x. need to put the possibility of dogs being at the party on the flyer and in Discord

b. IDE

- i. two movie nights happening for LGBTQ+ history month - Friday 5 pm in Moon 19 "Paris is Burning" and next Tuesday 5 pm in Gateway "Prayers for Bobby" - food and drinks provided and these will take the place of the winter potluck that was budgeted
- ii. international week collaboration - so far no advances, haven't heard back from the Office of International Education
- iii. Sabra hummus issue - GSA and MOSA working to get it removed, currently not being sold on ESF campus and no future plans to order and stock it anymore - official letters to administration and student body, neither have been sent out as of right now but will be within the immediate future - check in with Silas to see what MOSA's feedback is on these drafts

c. G&A

- i. applications now open for Fall Grants and Awards, guidelines for PD awards is going to be released sometime this coming week

d. Research

- i. meeting with John Stella re grad research conference

1. meeting scheduled for last week but John had a conflict, rescheduled for the 25th (Emme, Shayan, Abishek, and John - heads of Academic Research)
 2. discussion about planning the graduate student conference to be hosted at ESF/SU in the Spring (SU GSO has indicated that we can request financial support from them to host the conference) - next step would include establishing a committee to come up with themes, plan sessions, etc.
 3. need to detail a proposal and vision for the conference - Abishek undertaking this
- ii. review of the research budget and mugs addition - mentioned in earlier budget review
- e. PD
- i. PhD candidacy panel event November 10th, 1 to 2 pm in Bray Hall - 4 PhD candidates on the panel (ERE, EB, SRM, Environmental Studies) - volunteers needed - Emme volunteering
 1. haven't heard back from Dr. Armani about this event - going to contact again if nothing by Thursday
 - ii. need one more committee member - 2 people currently signed up, PD grants disbursed through GA so coordinate with Annie for committee member enrollment - Annie going to volunteer so spots can be filled
 - iii. meeting with Academic Success and Engagement Office with Azmery - topic includes Emilia Hoffmann and GSA working with her office - email about this topic
- f. Comms
- i. sent out the newsletter/flyer for event today at 2 pm to send through the listserv, haven't heard anything yet - not sent out yet
 - ii. want to start ordering and printing things soon
 - iii. 30 responses so far to the fall survey (close ideally within 2 weeks) - based on a quick glance, overall grad students don't seem happy with the GSA
 1. a lot of new students took the survey to keep in mind
 2. comments on communication issues
 3. definitely have work to do
 4. people want more professional development topics covered
 5. neurodiversity, parents, people feel the campus needs more accessibility options
 6. printed QR code to give to people at upcoming events
- g. Curriculum
- i. still trying to pin down a VP
 - ii. Emme attended the Academic Affairs meeting from AG - talking about diversity, inclusion, equity, and social justice with regards to undergrad curriculum - DIESJ professors should have qualifications to teach it and TA of said courses should also have these qualifications
 1. responses included making the class size smaller to not require TAs at all
 2. need to bump this up to the graduate level classes as well
- h. Dept
- i. ES - presentation workshops starting tomorrow at 12 pm in Baker providing snacks and coffee
 1. open mic format

- ii. working to respond to graduate student concerns about lack of clarity in the curriculum's requirements - talking with Emme about this and going to put together a focus group
 - i. EA
 - i. come up with a number of what would be a fair and competitive stipend package for new grads PhD and MS - want to include 12 months of funding instead of 9 months (John Stella asked this question)
 - 1. survey or thread on Discord, bring to Town Hall for general confirmation
 - 2. they seem to not want to talk to GSEU about this
 - 3. Mukasa has offered to come to a Town Hall - Mike going to try and engage him to come to this
 - ii. SA fall conference November 18-20th - now have funds to send Mike +1 to the conference - reach out to the committee first and then reach out to GSA as a whole
 - iii. governor's office announced \$15.6 mil in childcare resources to SUNY and CUNY
 - iv. lack of shuttles to campus and bus service on breaks - Mark L. to get back to Mike, hasn't heard anything back yet - going to reach out again - escort service was a 2 hour wait time last night from Emme (Safe Orange app to request escort, cannot request before 8 pm on the dot)
 - 1. Uber and Lyft fees nearing \$50 at peak times
 - 2. bring this issue up to GSO about getting the Escort service to kick in earlier during the winter months when it's dark earlier
 - j. IA
 - i. encourage grad students to not wear insensitive Halloween costumes to the party
 - ii. BUT encourage international students to try and represent characters from their cultures/shows/movies/etc.
5. New Business
- a. side topic - self-nominations for GSA Special Awards
 - b. Separate issue of SU not allowing grad students to attend their events - paid events specifically, Mike going to ask about this at the next GSO meeting
 - i. on ESF campus, grad students are free to attend any event on campus whether or not we are directly sponsoring or hosting this event
 - c. discussion about having classes on Indigenous People's Day - this is a State Holiday - we are a State University - Mike going to talk with SUNY SA to talk about this and see if state wide resolution is in works and talk with MOSA about getting a campus-wide initiative - align with Indigenous People's group on campus - let them drive the conversation and talk about this with them to see if it's even something they are thinking of/interested in doing - cc Jordan on these emails - coming from the Center for Native Peoples, not OIDE
6. General Operations and Planning
- a. Attendance at meetings
 - i. Molly Heit - not responding to emails and not coming to meetings, GSO going to remove her from the GSO Senate, Mike made motion to remove, Jordan second this and vote via email after the meeting or add to old business for next meeting
 - b. Fulfilling duties
 - i. Check in - Emme
7. Date of next meeting
- a. November 4 @5-7pm.

- b. November 15th @6-8pm □Town Hall - determine who we want to be there, take Provost up on his offer, ask Valerie to attend as well, have a segment for grad students to ask their questions and raise their concerns
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