

# Meeting Summary

* Bylaw amendments officially passed
* Elections updates
* Student Life Committee discussion
* Health center discussion

Old Business:

1. Approve previous meeting’s minutes
   1. Motion: Laura Bartock
   2. Second: Stacey Mack
   3. Unanimously approved

New Business:

1. Prof Development Committee update (Stacey)
   1. Elevator Pitch
   2. We have money for the event, but we need more entries
   3. Lots of undergraduate students need volunteer hours
      1. We have some of them for work in GSA if we need
2. Elections updates
   1. 7 nominations (out of 26 positions)
   2. Recruit for your position if you won’t be back, fill out nomination if you will
   3. Postpone elections? Only 7 official nominations at this moment.
      1. Delay by one week
      2. Motion to delay elections time table by one week: Laura Bartock
      3. Second: Becky Meissner
      4. Unanimously approved
3. Constitutional amendment quorum
   1. Motion to approve constitutional bylaws amendments: Becky Meissner
   2. Second: Laura BartocK
   3. Unanimously approved
4. Bylaws Amendment I.G.8.
   1. “Organize and execute the GSA Survey within the first X weeks of each Fall semester”
      1. Budget should be approved by 3rd meeting (6th-ish week)
         1. Motion to approve: Laura Bartock
         2. Second: Becky Meissner
         3. Unanimously approved
      2. How many weeks needed to plan, organize, write, send out and get responses, and analyze responses?
      3. Should we buy Survey Monkey account or count on having someone in GSA or a friend with access to an account from faculty?
5. Student Life Committee crowding question—TA perspective (Doug)
   1. Mostly undergraduate students complain – they are having trouble getting into required classes, there aren’t enough seats and computers for enrolled students, etc.
   2. How is this impacting us (graduate students) as GA’s?
      1. Statistical analysis is always overcrowded – Eileen Leon
      2. Practical Vector GIS does not have enough available computers in the lab – Hayley Kopelson
      3. Regression is also overcrowded, there are not enough seats – Becky Fuda
      4. Data Management course barely has enough seats and has no projector which is necessary for the course – Zachary Lefaver
      5. Other complaints about other classes from several others in attendance at today’s meeting. There’s seemingly consensus that most of us have had to deal with overcrowding at some point while in attendance at SUNY ESF.
      6. Professors prefer the prime teaching slot (TuTh 1-4pm) so it’s difficult to reset the schedule – Eugene Law
      7. Professors also do not want to teach two sections – Eileen Leon
         1. Graduate students end up taking on all practical work (labs) and professors teach (lectures) at other schools, which would be beneficial for our financial issue – Eileen Leon
      8. Perhaps having recitation courses would benefit both graduate students and undergraduate students in the recitations were appropriately assigned
      9. Issues with grading more students than you are supposed to?
         1. Yes.
   3. Four new police officers have been hired and will start in November if they all get through the academy
6. Student Health Advisory Committee (Scott)
   1. Health services from SU likely to change. Cost increase (fee, not tuition) unless Crouse
   2. GSA perspective on option of using Crouse?
      1. Already discussed that many students already use it (after hours, walk-ins, etc.)
      2. Try to streamline GA ↔ RPA process wrt health insurance
7. GSA perspective on hire of President Chief of Staff/Executive Director of Sustainability
   1. Mark Lichtenshein (sp?)
   2. If he’s bringing more money than we are paying him, then it’s a benefit to the school - Eileen Leon
   3. Mark brings a great interdisciplinary focus to our school, and balances out President Wheeler well. – Laura Bartock
   4. Timing sucks, but the reasons are good for hiring him.

# Committee Updates

* + Speaker:
    1. March 31st at 1pm cosponsoring with WISE
    2. April 10th: surviving grad school
    3. Discounted admission to salsa dance survival lesson in the West Side (maybe)
  + Social:
    1. Grad appreciation week (3 or 4 events)
    2. Green Lakes for last TG? Or Thornden?
    3. 107 students showed up at the TG on 3/20!
  + Professional Development:
  + Grants and Awards:
    1. Research grants due Friday at 5pm
    2. G&A might need money for more travel grants (17 applications)
  + International:
    1. Latin American Night - April 12th

Motion to adjourn: Laura Bartock

Second: Becky Meissner

Unanimously approved

**Attendance**

*GSA Senate*

1. Scott Bergey - President

2. Jonathan Masih Das -VP Grants and Awards

3. YunYun Bi -VP of International Activities

4. Stacey Mack -VP of Professional Development

5. Eileen Leon -VP of Social Activities

6. Alex Poisson -VP of Speakers and Presentations (absent)

7. Hayley Kopelson - Secretary

8. Alison Oakes - Treasurer

9. Becky Meissner - SU GSO Representative

10. Keshav Sauba - SU GSO Representative (absent)

11. Sarita Bassil - SU GSO Representative

12. Leanna Kirschen - Environmental Studies Representative (absent)

13. Colin Bragg - SCME representation (absent)

14. Sara Reinstein - Landscape Architecture Representative (absent)

15. Laura Gonzalez - ERE Representative

16. Emma Putman - PBE representative (absent)

17. Veronica Gonzalez - FNRM Representative (I)

18. Becky Fuda - Environmental Forest Biology Representative (I)

19. Jay Wason - Environmental Forest Biology Representative (II)

21. Harold Nugent - EFB (III) (absent)

22. Mirian Calderon - Environmental Science Representative (I)

23. Laura Bartock - Environmental Science Representative (II)

24. Rick Joseph - Chemistry Representative

25. Doug Morrison - Faculty Advisor

26. Eugene Law - Board of Trustees

27. Ely Margolis - Webmaster (absent)

28. Zachary Lefaver- USA representative

*Guests*

Natasha Kacoroski