

GSA Fall 2021 Senate Meeting

08 December, 2021 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

I. Check-In & Attendance [5 mins]

- A. In attendance: Joel Tyson, Aishwarya Kale, Alyssa Schick, Amy Cruz, Chetan Desai, Christina Gomez, Dawn Galindo, Elle Kreiner, Emily Faber, Ethan Post, Grace De Oro, Gracie Chaney, Jeffery Halverson, Kara Seidel, Naba Krishna Das, Nishant, Sahara Ali, Sandesh E, Scott Hirabayashi, Akash Vartak, Nicole Telfer, Maurice Roots, Sai Sri Ram KT
- B. CAHSS
- C. CNMS
- D. COEIT
- E. NA

II. Town Hall Reports: [10 mins]

- A. CAHSS Townhall:
 - 1. Discussed about raising awareness about disabilities and racism.

III. Special Agenda Items [10 mins]

- A. Motion to require workshops on equity and inclusion for GSOs [15 mins].
 - 1. The idea is to have a training required for GSOs to begin with. This training may be expanded to GSA and other Graduate leaderships.
 - 2. The predominant suggestion is that the Senate and the ECouncil undergo the training and then it be put in place for the GSO leadership.
 - 3. The motion to amend the motion to make the training required for GSA and E-Council was set and the motion was amended.
 - 4. A suggestion was put forth to make it a pilot program first and to assess whether it is beneficial.
 - 5. The motion was amended to make it a pilot program for 10 people from ECouncil and Senate and it passed with a majority (11 Yes)
- B. Motion to establish a special committee for reassessing the GSA fund distribution and outlining recommendations for ensuring just, fairer, and equitable distribution of the GSA fund that reflect the needs of our diverse community [15 mins].
 - 1. The reason this motion was put forth was because the GRP constantly has to keep looking at the budget and to see if there is money available. Regularly GSOs ask and are approved more than their allotted funding.
 - 2. Motion to setup a special panel was set and passed with a majority (13 Yes)

IV. Old Business: [30 mins]

- A. Motion to schedule an emergency senate meeting in January for the election of a new vice president. [10 min]
 - 1. Motion to have an emergency senate meeting in January was set and passed with a majority (12 Yes)
- B. Motion to amend the bylaws to improve the process of holding elected GSA members accountable to the senate. [30 min].
 - 1. Senators and ECouncil members suggested edits to the bylaw. These edits can be found here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qdfdKh0gC5YLWro83CNtQgEZLOQnoW1C5Fh5oBASV8g/edit?usp=sharing>.
 - 2. An extensive discussion about the proposed changes took place - about the votes, 2/3rd majority, abstain votes, etc.
- C. Motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes was set and passed with a simple majority (9 Yes)
- D. Motion to endorse the FUTURE act.
 - 1. The motion to endorse the FUTURE act was set and passed with a majority (11 Yes).
- E. Discussion: Graduate Student Fee.
 - 1. Amy is meeting with the Fee Owners to discuss the mandatory fees for graduate students.
 - 2. The general agreement was to not increase the graduate fee.
- F. Motion to remove the Community Equity Advisory Committee from the Plan of Organization. Details here: -
 - [w CEAC Removal from Plan of Organization.docx](#) [10 min]
 - 1. Community Equity Advisory Committee existed to establish the OEI office and the Inclusion council. Now that both things have been setup, the original committee is now redundant.
 - 2. The motion for removing the Community Equity Advisory Committee from the Plan of Organization was set and passed with a majority (10 Yes).
- G. Discussion: GSA statement addressing vice president removal. [10 min]
- H. Motion to create a GSA video featuring our diverse graduate student body. [10 min].

V. **New Business: [30 mins]**

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VI. **Adjourn**