

GSA Senate Meeting

09 Oct, 2023

Called to order at 11:00 AM

Attendance: Owen Sparr, Trisha De Jesus, Achala Denagamage, Alexi Scheiber, Aminah Amjad, Arya Honraopatil, Atharva Puranik, Charles Waters, Daniel Douglas, Deevyesh Deepak Upadhyaya, Emily Faber, Grace De Oro, Gurpreet Kaur Saluja, Hannah Seppala, Harshal Chauhan, Jackson Tucker, Jennifer Artis, Jessica Burstrem, Kara Seidel, Nirandi Jayasinghe, Ridwan Islam Sifat, Sayali Satish Dhavale, Sreevikas Edukulla, Zach Nichols, Atharva is proxy for Ravi, Gurpreet will be proxy for Harshal from 12-1

Atharva moved to approve minutes, Deevyesh seconded; 15 voted to approved, no abstain or nay

Nirandi requests adding a brief discussion of committees to the Agenda
Atharva moved to approve Agenda, Nirandi seconded; 15 voted to approve

The discussion of a new committee turned out to be about who is appointed to TA positions and who isn't. There was a clarification of roles – what falls under GAAC (all current GAs), what falls under LCC (what is currently before the legislature) – and when issues should come before the Senate (after routing through the appropriate committee) so Atharva moved to table the discussion, Daniel seconded; 15 voted to approve

Charlie explained that he proposes moving \$2500 from Senate meeting budget to Town Hall budget; Emily moved to approve the proposal; Charlie explained that it would be divided equally 5 ways: for the 4 cohorts + for the committees; Hannah seconded; 16 voted to approve

Emily moved to give the Community Liaison access to the website so that they can be required to update the GSOs & contacts on the GSA website; Daniel seconded and withdrew after discussion; Grace, Jessica, & Jennifer indicated that that might be more appropriate for an eCouncil discussion; Atharva moved to table; Alexi seconded; 16 voted to approve

Jessica as VP explained the Strategic Planning process at this point and what she was asking the academic Senator cohorts to do this week (see the email she sent last week).

Grace announced that we extended the GSO re-registration deadline.

Kara talked about the bingo cards and the different roles at GS Fest and indicated that folks will get their specific responsibilities by email today and that the awards table will require particular diligence so that folks don't steal/cajole/otherwise strategize extra swag. "Bouncers" will be making sure only grad students and their families get into the event. Senators who are

Committee Chairs will be assigned to their Committee table. The folks with neon lanyards can field questions, or contact Emily/Kara by phone, not email.

Grace explained that she's still working on what committees are active and who the contacts are; Jessica indicated that there will be an opportunity to submit reports once per semester but Atharva could coordinate earlier/more frequent reports/announcements in Senate meetings

Nirandi announced that there will be 3 Deans of the Grad College at the GAAC Town Hall coming up this fall and asked that folks publicize it

Atharva moved to adjourn; JT seconded; meeting adjourned at 12:29 PM