



GSO EC Meeting Minutes 2023-2024
February 29, 2024
Meeting @ 3:30 PM - 4:50 PM

Present:

- President: Adithya Muralli
- Vice President: Stephanie Torres
- Treasurer: Disha Ghoshal
- Secretary: David O'Donoghue
- Speaker of the Senate: Caitlin Whittam
- Administrative Manager: Dylan Rehman

Called to Order: 3:40pm

Voting items:

- Approval of minutes: EC Meeting Minutes, February 22, 2024.
 - *The EC approved the minutes without revision.*

Points to be discussed

1. GSO Controller Resignation
 - a. *Mrs. Connie Thomas sent an email to the Executive Council on February 29, 2024 announcing her resignation as GSO Controller. Mrs. Thomas took a new position outside of Stony Brook, and will work to make her transition as smooth as possible for the GSO until a replacement can be found.*
2. Senate Meeting
 - a. New budget proposal updates and Activity Fee Increase Proposal
 1. *Current budget is unsustainable and relies heavily on rollover funds from previous years. This rollover will not be available in the next fiscal year, and unless the Student Activity Fee is increased, the GSO Budget will be substantially reduced.*
 2. *A Student Activity Fee increase will be proposed at the March 5th Senate meeting. The fee increase must be approved by the Senate and then voted on by all GSO members in a referendum that will be added to the EC Election ballot. President Adithya Muralli will create and present a proposal to the Senate.*

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3. *Vice President Torres advocated for determining the essential operating budget of the GSO, so that the EC can begin determining what parts of the budget need to be cut if less money is available next year.*
 - a. Concerning the reminder of the current budget, President Muralli advocated for not proposing any more reallocation of funds to reimbursement lines that are nearing zero.*
 - b. These points will be taken into consideration as the GSO begins planning its 2024-2025 Budget for approval.*
 - b. *Regalia Loaner Program*
 - i. Vice President Torres suggested that the Regalia Loan program be funded using the Productions Budget.*
 - ii. Treasurer Ghoshal proposed requesting the Senate to move money from the Departmental Orientation Line to provide for the Regalia Loaner program.*
 - 1. The EC agreed to present this proposal to the Senate at the upcoming March Senate meeting.*
3. *Events on Manhattan campus*
 - a. GSO members at the Manhattan Campus wrote to Vice President Torres requesting that the GSO plan events at the Manhattan Campus for students there.*
 - i. The EC discussed the logistics and feasibility of planning events on the Manhattan Campus and determined that the GSO Productions Team could move forward with planning events there, if they were willing to do so.*
 - b. Possible events: LGBTA Movie night, Cocktail mixer,*
 - i. The EC did not have any problems with this proposal, and encouraged Vice President Torres to go forward with coordinating these events.*
4. *Election Updates*
 - a. Call for Nominations Sent*
 - b. Still looking for one Elections Committee Member*
 - c. Info Session Dates*
 - i. March 21*
 - ii. March 26*
 - d. Will Convene again over Spring Break (date TBD).*
5. *University Code of Student Responsibility Proposals*
 - a. President Muralli received an email from Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, who are seeking volunteers for a working group that will suggest revisions to the Student Code*

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- i. The EC agreed to announce the opening and solicit volunteers at the upcoming Senate meeting.*
6. Town Hall
 - a. Vice President Torres will coordinate the creation of a presentation to give at the event. Though Vice President Torres and Speaker Whittham would not be able to attend, Secretary O'Donoghue, President Muralli, and Treasurer Ghoshal planned to attend.*
7. WUSB & Childcare MOU

Updates

President:

- Met with Admins to discuss about budget changes

Vice President:

- Met with the DEI yesterday to discuss AAPI events during the month of April
 - As well as discuss events for Manhattan campus

Treasurer:

- No updates reported.

Secretary:

- See Election Committee updates above.

Speaker:

- No updates reported.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:32pm