

GSO EC Meeting Minutes 2023-2024 March 07, 2024 Meeting @ 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Present:

President: Adithya Muralli

• Vice President: Stephanie Torres

Treasurer: Disha Ghoshal

Secretary: David O'Donoghue

• Speaker of the Senate: Caitlin Whittam (arrived at 4:05pm)

Administrative Manager: Dylan Rehman

Called to Order at 3:34 PM

Voting items:

- Approval of minutes: EC Meeting 02-29-2024
 - Minutes Approved without objection.

Points to be discussed

- March 5th Senate Meeting Review
 - a. Reimbursments Several senators expressed frustration regarding the reimbursement process—including application processing times and funding availability—and advocated for the continued improvement of the process.
 - i. Treasurer Ghoshal stated that she may advocate for placing a cap on the total amount of reimbursement funding that is disbursed each semester.
 - ii. Secretary O'Donoghue suggested that changes be outlined in the coming Internal Control Protocol (ICP) revisions.
 - iii. Upon Mr. Rehman's suggestion, the EC agreed that it would have to hold a separate meeting to discuss reimbruselment issues, planning the 2024-2025 budget, and updates to the ICP.
 - 1. The EC agreed to hold this meeting on March 12, 2024, 11AM -1PM
 - b. Student Activity Fee Increase

- i. The Senate approved a proposal to increase the Student Activity Fee by \$15 each semester, raising the total semesterly fee paid by each student to \$60. In order for this increase to go into effect, the graduate student body will need to approve it in a referendum that will be added to the upcoming EC Elections ballot.
 - 1. President Muralli will write an email to be sent to all students when classes resume after Spring Break.
 - 2. The EC also considered promoting the fee increase during the scheduled information sessions taking place on March 21st and March 26th.
 - 3. When a new Media Manager is hired, that person will be able to help the GSO promote the activity fee increase.
- c. Chris Percival's Presentation on behalf of the University Environment Commitee
 - i. Mr. Percival spoke at the March 5th Seante meeting about improving pedestrian and bicycle access to campus. He would like to hold another meeting with graduate students to better understand graduate student safety concerns and needs.
 - ii. Secretary O'Donoghue suggested resurrecting the Housing Committee in order to gather representatives from graduate student housing together to address these concerns.

2. ICP Updates

- a. Secretary O'Donoghue reiterated the need for updates to the ICP. The EC agreed that if members of the Budget Committee were not able to review the document and suggest updates, then the EC could begin reviewing the document itself.
- 3. DTA Fiscal Year Eligibility
- 4. Sprintax code distribution
- 5. Senator Jose's Application
 - a. Mr. Rehman and Treasurer Ghoshal agreed to meet at another time to discuss concerns that Senator Jose Moscoso Nunez (Primary, Ecology and Evolution) had about applications from his department.
- 6. Budget line transfer confirmation for regalia and media lines
 - a. At the March 5th Senate meeting, the Senate voted to allocate money for the Regalia Loan Program. Record of this decision will need to be sent to Vice President Gatteau, Dean Marshik and GSO Controller Connie Thomas so that it can formally be approved.
 - b. Secretary O'Donoghue will send a copy of meeting minutes to Connie Thomas that document this decision.
 - c. Treasurer Ghoshal and Mr. Rehman agreed to update the GSO budget to reflect recent changes made by the Seante, so that it could be properly recertified.

- 7. Indian Graduate Student Association (IGSA) & GSO Productions Collaboration Spring Ball
 - a. Vice President Torres met with IGSA leadership about the organization's upcoming Spring Ball. The event will cost \$4000, and the GSO will co-sponsor the event and contribute Productions funds in order to help the IGSA cover the cost of the event.
- 8. Asian American Pacific Island Mentorship Network
 - a. This organization is seeking information on how to fund a guest lecture it is planning.
 - i. Vice President Torres agreed to find out how this organization is classified and give them further advice on how to fund their event.

Updates

President:

No updates.

Vice President:

- George secured a cheaper bus for the TopGolf event (\$1,290)
- VP met with IGSA to discuss collaboration for the spring ball
- (more later)

Treasurer:

No updates.

Secretary:

- Elections Committee to meet over Spring Break
 - Have received multiple interested candidates.

Speaker:

No updates.