

GSO EC Meeting Minutes 2023-2024 July 14, 2023 Meeting @ 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Present:

President: Adithya Muralli

• Vice President: Stephanie Torres

Treasurer: Disha Ghoshal

Secretary: David O'Donoghue

• Speaker of the Senate: Robert Wadolowski

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:32 PM

Points to be discussed:

- Approval of Minutes:
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 - Minutes approved without objection.
- Reimbursement Issues and Reform
 - Vice President Stephanie Torres is working with GSO Controller Connie Thomas and Treasurer Disha Gosha to create a proposal for reimbursement reform. This will include simplifying and clarifying the language of applications and reviewing funding lines.
 - The Executive Committee specifically considered changes that could be made to the Fitness and Recreation funding line, including:
 - Providing group fitness programs instead of offering individual reimbursements
 - Continuing to offer fitness center memberships, but on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - Capping fitness reimbursement at \$100 per student, which, given the budget, would make this available to 300 students.
 - The EC also considered relocating funds that are currently allocated to reimbursement lines to other areas of the GSO budget, including Productions.
 - The Executive Committee considered ways to ensure that Professional Development Funds were not being abused, specifically focusing on:
 - Ensuring that PDF funds are used for relevant expenses.

- Preventing situations in which students 'double-dip' and receive PDF funding and external funding for the same event.
 - EC agreed to ask administrators about what options are available to punish students who lie on applications or double-dip.
- The EC considered adding an additional step in the application process, requiring advisors and department administrators to verify student applications.
- U.S. Census Bureau's Economic Census form
 - Speaker Robert Wadolowksi will meet with an FSA employee to review and complete the overdue census form.
- Shuttle bus inquiry
 - Stony Brook Mobility and Parking Services (MAPS) provides shuttle service to campus from local airports during the week in August that students move in. Some incoming students requested to have additional shuttle service provided on additional dates to accommodate more students.
 - President Adithya Muralli agreed to determine the number of students requiring additional transportation and the dates and times that additional shuttle service would be required.
 - President Muralli will then lobby MAPS to provide additional shuttles to the existing schedule.
- Science Communication
 - A student in the Science Communication program requested to become a senator on the GSO.
 - Secretary David O'Donoghue agreed to determine if the Science Communication program should be represented by senators from the School of Journalism, or if the Science Communication program qualified for its own senator.
- Stony Brook Council Representative needed
 - For the 2023-24 academic year, the GSO must send a representative to serve as a voting member on the Stony Brook Council.
 - Vice President Torres volunteered to serve in President Muralli's place since the representative must be a U.S. citizen.
- Anti-Bias Education Committee
 - A representative from the GSO Executive Committee has been requested to serve on the Anti-Bias Education Committee.
 - The EC decided to appoint the current Disability Advocacy Committee
 Chair, Senator Tracy Radsvick, to this committee, so long as the Anti-Bias
 Education Committee would accept a non-EC representative.
- Proposal to Include Dean of Students Ric McClendon in EC-Admin meetings
 - The EC agreed to invite Dean Ric McClendon to attend future EC-Admin meetings.
- Proposal to Include Office Manager Monique de la Beij in EC meetings

- The EC agreed to invite Monique de la Beij to future EC meetings.
- Email use policy
 - President Muralli reminded the EC to always "reply all" when replying to emails where the President is copied.
 - President Muralli also asked the EC to copy him on all important emails sent to university staff.

Updates:

President:

- Media GSO, ISA stipends updated to \$5000 for academic year 23-24
 - These stipends were approved in the budget.
- GSA (Alexandra) removed from payroll, Graduate school will take over this position
- Interviewing candidates for Administrative Manager position

Vice President:

- Proposed changes for recruitment
 - Proposal for changes to the existing reimbursement process
 - Collaborating Connie and Disha to reform the process.
- Updates on clean up for the GSO office
 - Shelves are built in the lounge closet.
 - o Production supplies and decorations have been moved to lounge storage.
 - Monique is still sorting office supplies.
 - Aiming for the final date to be August 1st.
 - Will send pictures

Treasurer:

None.

Secretary:

- Emailing current Senators about continuation.
- Will begin recertifying or electing senators for 2023-2024.

Speaker:

- Working on census with Monique/FSA
- Upcoming DTA committee for spring applicants updating rubric, will hopefully announce winners in a month or so

Meeting Adjourned at 5:52 PM