

GSO FEBRUARY REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
MINUTES – 24 FEBRUARY 2007

**Attendees:**

*Executive Board:* Patrick Wilcox, President; Jason Lewis, Vice-President; Jane Siow, Comptroller; Stephen Graves, Recording Secretary.

*Senators and Members:* Dan Miller, Religion; Chunhua Song, Physics; James Hepokoski, Architecture; Deke Gould, Philosophy; Marju Purin, Mathematics; Eric Wortman, Mathematics; Sotirios Gountas, IRSA; Bryan Sell, Earth Sciences; Brigitte Fielder-Montero, English; Jacqueline Mogle, Psychology; Jessica Swan, Maxwell; Caroline Kouassiaman, Maxwell; Catherine Burke-Plumadore, History; Rachel Horlings, Anthropology; Dylan Moore, VPA; Stephen Shafer, MPA; Coraline Falco, ESF; David Babson, proxy for Daniel Petit, Anthropology.

**A. Call to Order: Jason Lewis**

**B. Roll Call: Motion to accept Sign-In sheet as Roll:** accepted.

**C. Reading and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Steve Graves:** all in favor.

**D. Executive Reports:**

1. *Housing Survey:* We have 410 responses, will do the iPod drawing on 1 March, and will announce it on the website. We'll also be releasing the childcare survey at the same time. The survey will run for about a month, 5 March – 5 April, approximately.

2. *Academic Integrity:* Representative from VCPCAI talks about their report. There is a request from the VCPCAI that the GSO as a body endorse the recommendation to the senate.

The VCPCAI recommends an external continual review via their recommendation 2; recommendation 3 is to the purpose of creating a campus ombudsperson. The representatives from the committee speak to the VCP's plan to invite one or two people to assess the AI policy; Proctor comments that he doubts the efficacy of this group. VCP explains a plan to work out the details with closed session of the Agenda Committee. "We are not all equal with an equal stake in the University" proceeds to explain that the center of the existence of the university is for the teaching of students and increasing of human knowledge.

Pat suggests we take this issue to a separate session; we will distribute the Code of Ethics, and then if necessary we can have an email vote in order to properly represent the stance of the GSO at the University Senate meeting.

**E. Special and Ad Hoc Committee Reports:**

**F. Standing Committee Reports**

1. *Finance Requests:* Final deadline for special programming 28 March. 30 March is the deadline for budget submissions for next year; special programming is really low already — if finance committee recommendations are approved, we'll have \$2500 left in funds for the remainder of the year, and have supported 7 more events than last year.

- a. College Republicans: Annual Speaker Event — John Ashcroft on 03/27/07 at Schine Goldstein, requesting \$2160 out of \$30710 for SCPS, transportation, and publicity costs. Resubmission of funding request. Recommendation of Finance Committee was to speak to the Law School; also, other programs as well. Recommendation is to grant \$1000 towards costs of the event. The majority of the event is being funded by SA; encouragement to increase graduate student attendance. Motion to accept finance committee recommendation carries unanimously.
  - b. Association of International Students at SU (AISSU): World Festival event on 03/06/07, requesting \$1200 out of total cost \$3428 for catering costs. Jane explained to the organization that we have a “cap” of \$500 for food costs. Finance Committee recommends funding \$500; motion to accept recommendation carries unanimously.
  - c. Geology Club: Central NY Earth Science Student Research Symposium on 03/02/07, requesting \$1376 out of total cost \$2491.04 for catering, set-up, and publicity. Funding from external sources as well as department; Finance Committee recommends funding \$876. Motion to accept finance committee recommendations carries unanimously.
  - d. IRSA: Maxwell School Professional Program Formal on 04/13/07, requesting \$5300 out of total cost \$7300 towards food costs, venue set-up, and speakers. Finance Committee recommends a grant of \$1250 and a loan of \$2500 with the requirement to recoup ticket cost up to the amount of the loan. Motion to accept finance committee recommendation carries unanimously.
  - e. MAXPAC: Enterprise Funds Lecture on 04/04/07, requesting \$697 out of total cost \$900 for airfare, accommodation, and ground transportation. Finance Committee recommends that the request be granted in full; motion to accept finance committee recommendation carries unanimously.
  - f. IRSA: Maxwell Cultural Fair event on 04/03/07, requesting \$1700 of total cost \$ for catering, speaking, venue, and set-up. Finance Committee recommends \$500 for food and \$500 for speakers. Motion to accept the finance committee recommendation carries unanimously.
- G. **Old Business:** Discussion of Transportation and Safety issues in an open forum: Transportation had a five hour meeting on Friday; recommendations from that committee will be taken to the Chancellor along with the safety recommendations. Off-campus undergrads and near-campus grad students seemed to have many of the same issues; the Northeast shuttle would address students on Genessee. Manley passes bring the ability to park after 5pm in all orange lots. Combined with Old Business.

Send concerns via email to [swshafer@maxwell.syr.edu](mailto:swshafer@maxwell.syr.edu); all communications will be forwarded to Dean Anastasia Urtz. The concern of (at least the Anthropology program) graduates is that north of 690 there are graduate students who have no reliable transportation to the University. Hopefully, the Shuttle-U-Home service will expand to solve the problem of students living further from campus. More bussing seems needed in the Vincent area, as well.

There is also the possibility that the University would centralize the transportation pool, with a “rental” process for departments.

- H. **New Business:** Common Council proposes a City Regulation to limit the number of non-familial tenants of an apartment to three. This tends to be an unenforceable issue; enforcement breeches constitutional rights. Common Council meeting is March 1st at City Hall, either 5PM or 6PM.
1. Motion to combine the GSO annual budget and election meetings. Carries unanimously. Motion to make this meeting on the 14th of April carries unanimously.
  2. Motion to accept constitutional changes as proposed changes for review; outlined in meeting packet. These will be ratified at next regular business meeting. Changes and comments must be in the GSO mailbox by 19 March.
- I. **Remarks for the Record:** open to all members of the assembly
- Rosanne Ecker: Survey ends Wednesday. Will be readvertised again Monday to all graduate and law students. More events are forthcoming, including an "Ettiquette Lunch", a talk for PhD Candidates in non-academic jobs, and for "What are you going to do with that?"
- J. **Announcements:** Open
- K. **Adjournment:** Please join us for lunch on Marshall St.