

GSO Senate Meeting
Minutes
September 11th, 201
Wang 201
5:15-7:30pm

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- **Agenda September:**

- **1st session of the semester:**

Luigi: Motion to approve the agenda

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President's Report: Ramiro presented the changes in the constitution

Mariola: Can we push it till next day later?

Bertan: What is the difference between citizenship and migration status

Camilo: Illegal immigrants have rights to do, they are called human rights.

Vice President Report:

The events and programs of last year were really good.

The events were really good, and they serve alcohol; in the past we used the word oatmeal

Mariola: Where the events are going to happen?

Jinelle: The 2 big ones in the SAC Ballroom A

Mariola: Can we get a salsa dancer?

Luigi: We can teach salsa ourselves

Jinelle: The events are already set in motion. The main one is the first year speaker, we can get this new artist from the daily shows. Since this is our first event at the Staller Center. We will put the event at the Staller Center. We can book the event just for Hasan Menage.

Mariola: Can we use the USG box office at SAC?

Luigi: we can work at the Staller building directly, we do not need the USG ticket event offices. This time, we can be smarter and more efficient and work without the USG.

R: I am not against the speaker event, but I think we have to keep in mind that there is a cost of opportunity, and we need to be affirmative and cognizant of what is the overall benefit to the entire graduate student population. If last year we had to deny 30k in RAP; next Senate meeting let's have the result.

Treasurer's report: A lot of people do not know that even though the speaker budget increase but also RAP increased, and right now we need to deviate the funds to the speaker.

We have committed to fund childcare, and last semester we were able to give them the 11K or the 18K we committed at the beginning of the year. In terms of what Joe (past treasurer) allocated, we have raise both levels of social events and scientific events, so it does makes sense to move money from one line to the other one if it is in the benefits of the graduate student population.

I have tried to be equitable the money,

The questions have been tried to deal with:

-Department Allocation: Funds were shown.

-Speaker Series: Funds were shown

-Social Events: Funds were shown.

The funding club line switched from 5K to 19K.

What we approved is the Women in Science and Engineer

Behavioral Ecology group; they are being asking for hotel accommodations

Department of Ecology and Evolution; hotel, transportation and 2-day reception

Graduate Chemical Society: Budget committee was comfortable with \$475 for these purposes.

Economics Department: Social/Cultural Event

When is the maximum you can apply for the money?

Secretary Report:

- I will email all the senators a lot throughout the semester
- Email your students immediately. Just forward every email you receive from me at the second you receive it. It takes 5 seconds.
- Join a committee
- If a department does NOT have representation in the GSO senate meeting for 2 meetings in a row; unfortunately, the entire department and their students will lose the entire GSO reimbursement funding.
- Please make sure you attend the monthly meetings; if not, secure that your alternate senator attends the meeting.

Policy Action Chair Committee Report:

- **Camilo Rubbini:**

- The goal of my position, is to chair the committee in order to have a combined group of students that work together logically around these issues

- There are many other committees around the school
- There are many other community committees that we should be participating
- My programmed and desired goal of the year is that we are represented in each of the spaces that the University allows for student's advocacy.
- Related to the programmed and desired goals, the main goal is to change the objective is to cause an overall change in perception of some administrators regarding the student's ability to advocate.
- The first time I went to one of those meetings, they asked me "are you here for money?", is this the best way that the University can work.
- We are here to participate in the decisions that are made on these committees
- We can change the mentality of a lot of these investigators
- We can change the way that many students work
- We can democratized participation of the entire graduate community.
- We can be organized and change decisions
- One of the goals is that we discussed these things here
- What I plan to do is to give reports to the EC members

Luigi:

- Every time the school makes decisions regarding the budget cuts there are many students that are affected. There is a trickle- down effect
- The PhD program in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences was cut back in March, and all 8 international students would face visa issues that could lead to deportation.

Biomedical Engineer Senator/Student:

- How are you going to deal with the 6K of the PAC
- How are you going to occupy these spaces/what are the 2 main issues of the agenda?

Camilo:

- As chair of this committee, I will bring information to the committee, and to the University Senate
- I will decide with the committee how to spend the money best
- It's not entirely my decision regarding how I spent the money

Abraham: How is the resolution sent specifically?

Camilo: The goal was to generate discussion regarding these issues. We need to specify why we do not like certain things. Just because we are not professors it does not mean that we are not part of the community

Ramiro: As it happened in the program of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences, students were able to make a bigger impact to the administration of the University if they had organization as the GSO supporting them

Karen:

Any suggestions or contradictions to the budget series?

Roger: Yes, there is a lot of money that goes to the floor 6 of the Life Sciences Building for the department of Ecology. There seems to be a club that operates and requests for the same amount of money to the GSO as the department does.

Abby: The physical anthropology are the people running the club, so it includes other 2 disciplines like Anthropology, Psychology or the Political Science. Therefore, it makes sense that we should give money to these clubs.

Roger:

I guess we are on time with the agenda; we want our voices to be heard. I assure that the meetings will not take that long

Ab: What were your mistakes last year?

Luigi: Trust the wrong person with the food. In terms of mistakes, too many jokes. I like making people smile. In the past, meetings have lasted (actually, just the ones in April and May) because there was a lot of controversy and debate regarding the budget cuts. Therefore, it is fundamental to assure quality of the meeting, over quantity.

Eric: If you were to become speaker, who would become secretary?

Ramiro: I would appoint somebody as the new Secretary. According to the constitution.

[candidates leave the room, Senate holds the vote; vote goes to Roger Shek]"

[vote] Roger's

Roger: Motion to finish the meeting

Senate: Approved