

GSSC Meeting Minutes 12/07/10

Meeting convenes at 7.39 p.m.

Attendance/Updates

Student Body President: Jacqueline Thong

VP Policy: Elliot Shackelford

(Helped at ice skating event; Constitution committee; joint meeting with CCSC/ESC regarding CUEMS resolution)

VP Communications: Katrin Nussold

(Got GSSC T-shirts; helped at ice skating event; distributed flyers; weekly email)

VP Finance: Daniel Lagana

(Bacchanal discussion; Finance committee meeting; worked on entrepreneurship event)

VP Student Life: Candice Arakelian (excused)

University Senator: Jose Robledo

Social Chair: Marita Wright

(Finalized Orientation details; worked with HSC on Health Services marketing)

Academic Affairs Representative: Rena Mukherji

(Worked on constitution and Academic Affairs research; looked into Individual Student Academic Concerns)

Alumni Affairs Representative: XiXi Fu (late)

(Arranged meeting with CCE and Alumni officers for next semester)

Student Services Representative: Andrew Hamilton (late)

Student Worker Representative: Alexander Lee

International Students Representative: Kristiina Wells

(Organized and ran ice skating event; worked on bowling event)

Delegate-at-Large Policy: Benjamin Paladino

(Worked on CUEMS joint resolution; worked on constitution)

Delegate-at-Large Communications: Mahogany Wright

(Updated website; distributed flyers)

Delegate-at-Large Finance: Sara Moradi

(Finance committee meeting; got B-form for International Student Lunch and invoice for an outstanding bill)

Delegate-at-Large Student Life: Jennifer Wisdom

(Worked on Orientation scavenger hunt; worked on holiday bash)

Community at Large Delegate: Audra Dochenetz

(Worked on Town Hall Meeting)

Comptroller: Kevin McWilliams

(Updated B-forms and expense tracking data; contacted Business School Entrepreneurial Organization for entrepreneurship event)

Senior Class President: Henry Wells

(Helped at ice skating event; finalized Superbowl event; finalized opera event for seniors; planned reception for February)

Senior Class VP: Kristen Hutzler (absent)

Junior Class President: Chin Kim (absent)

Junior Class VP: Wojciech Skrzypczak

Sophomore Class President: Keenya Powell (absent)

Sophomore Class VP: Joseph Patito

(Worked on policy)

First Year Class President: Kelly Braga

(Worked on Spring events, especially talent show)

First Year Class VP: Joshua Lewin-Jacus

(CCSC Meeting; Finance committee meeting; worked on entrepreneurship event)

Approval of Meeting Minutes (11/30)

Jacqueline Thong:

- Motion: Ben
- Second: Alex
- Vote: all in favor

Dean of Students Proposal

Dean Limardo/Dean Ulloa:

- DOS office focusing on student life this year
- Account can only be used for student funding
- Progress:
 - Extended Orientation week
 - Development of Storybook online community
 - Focus Groups to assess students' opinions about student life
 - Creation of Student Life Team
- Request:
 - Allocation of 20% instead of 10% of GSSC budget to the GS Student Life Team
 - GSSC full sponsorship of the Spring 2011 Student-Faculty Dinner (\$10,000)
 - GSSC contribution towards the February Graduation Celebration on Dec. 9 (\$3,500 in addition to allocation of \$5,000)
- Estimations:
 - Fall 2010 Student-Faculty Dinner for \$10,000
 - Student Leadership & Academic Prizes Celebration for \$10,000
 - Alternative Spring Break for \$1,050
 - Club & Student Sponsorships for \$1,000
 - Senior Stipend for \$500
 - Veterans Lunch for \$2,000
- Plans:
 - Second Student-Faculty Dinner
 - Online community for all GS students (similar to Storybook)
 - GS student speaker series
 - Mentoring/Coaching program
 - Academic events with professors related to students' majors
- Benefits for GSSC:
 - Name recognition and association with more academic events

- Less planning and coordination of major academic events for GSSC members
- Greater GS student satisfaction
- Discussion:
 - Money left over at the end of the year remains in the account to be used the following year
 - No fixed plan for specific events, may change over the years
 - More opportunities for collaboration
 - Total requested amount is about \$56,000
 - Full capacity plus waitlist at Student-Faculty Dinner every year
 - Problem: GSSC's approval would bind future councils to the same decision; possibly propose planned events to every council at the beginning of Fall semester for the respective academic year, and let that council decide whether to approve proposal for said year
 - Why not work with GSSC short-term? DOS Office prefers a long-term solution, because council members change and most of them are not present during the summer

Bacchanal Proposal

- Spring Concert
- Request: additional funding (\$20,000) from all 4 councils, based on students' requests for specific artists (bigger names than in the past, e.g. Snoop Dogg)
- Joint decision of all 4 councils
- Initially, group has \$100,000 for this event, which is not enough to get popular artists for the concert
- \$3,000 worth of giveaways
- Additional questions can be emailed.

GSSC Business

- Orientation at Amsterdam Lounge (food, drinks) for \$1,140
 - Motion: Ben
 - Second: Kristiina
 - Vote:
 - For: 19
 - Against: 0
 - Abstained: 0
 - Motion passed.
- Superbowl Event at Havana Central for \$2,975.80
 - Motion: Mahogany
 - Second: Henry
 - Vote:
 - For: 17
 - Against: 0
 - Abstained: 2
 - Motion passed.

- Opera (Amida) for Seniors at the Met for \$1,075
 - Motion: Elliot
 - Second: Kristiina
 - Vote:
 - For: 18
 - Against: 0
 - Abstained: 1
 - Motion passed.

Closed Meeting:

- Impeachment (Junior Class President Chin Kim; he has been contacted since Nov. 9; on Nov. 16, he mentioned his plan to resign in person, but since we have not received an official resignation, we have to move to impeachment due to 5 unexcused absences and 2 excused absences at GSSC meetings; the reason for this decision is procedural, not punitive; as result, Wojciech will be the successor, and his position will be open)
 - Motion: Ben
 - Second: Henry
 - Vote:
 - For: 18
 - Against: 0
 - Abstained: 1
 - Motion passed.

DOS Proposal:

- Allocation of 20% of GSSC's budget to DOS Student Life Team:
 - Motion: Jose
 - Second: Wojciech
 - Vote:
 - For: 1
 - Against: 15
 - Abstained: 2
 - Motion not passed.
- Contribution towards February Graduation Celebration for \$3,500:
 - Motion: Mahogany
 - Second: Henry
 - Vote:
 - For: 10
 - Against: 5
 - Abstained: 3
 - Motion passed.
 - Individual votes:
 - VP Policy Elliot Shackelford: Yes
 - VP Communications Katrin Nussold: No

VP Finance Daniel Lagana: Yes
University Senator Jose Robledo: Yes
Social Chair Marita Wright: Yes
Academic Affairs Representative Rena Mukherji: No
Alumni Affairs Representative XiXi Fu: Yes
International Students Representative Kristiina Wells: Abstain
Delegate-at-Large Policy Benjamin Paladino: No
Delegate-at-Large Communications Mahogany Wright: No
Delegate-at-Large Finance Sara Moradi: Yes
Delegate-at-Large Student Life Jennifer Wisdom: Yes
Community at Large Delegate Audra Dochenetz: Abstain
Comptroller Kevin McWilliams: Yes
Senior Class President Henry Wells: Yes
Junior Class VP Wojciech Skrzypczak: Abstain
Sophomore Class VP Joseph Patito: No
First Year Class President Kelly Braga: Yes

Nomination of VP Student Life:

- Kelly Braga
 - Motion: Mahogany
 - Second: Elliot
 - Vote:
 - For: 16
 - Against: 0
 - Abstained: 1
 - Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9.38 p.m.