

Minutes of the Mar 11, 2004 GSO meeting

There were 25 senators present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

The agenda was unanimously approved.

Welcome remarks were presented by Ms. Leta Edelson, Health Insurance Advisor.

The Feb 12 GSO minutes was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Budget committee

1. The budget committee informed the senate that WUSB had double billed the GSO. WUSB representative Isobel Breheny-Schafer was available for comment. Masa Prodanovic moves a motion that GSO should continue to provide \$3000 for WUSB (\$2400 as subscription fee to Pacific News and \$600 as a donation). Tanya Smith seconded the motion. A friendly amendment, stating that the GSO support be publicized on air, as "Funding from GSO and the University Café" was made. The amendment was accepted and the motion to continue to provide \$3000 for WUSB passes unanimously.
2. The Latin American and Caribbean studies center presented a budget requesting \$1200. The budget committee did not make any recommendation on this. Tanya Smith moves a motion that they be awarded \$650 to cover costs for the keynote speaker and the advertising for their program Extending Bridges: Constructing Transnational and National Identities in Latin America. The motion passes unanimously.
3. The photography club requested \$320 for their lecture series and Masa moves a motion to approve the amount and the motion passes unanimously.
4. Additional funding request was made by the SB Photo club for \$440 to cover costs of a field trip for the club members. Maria made a motion not to fund this request as it did not benefit the entire graduate student body. She further recommended to the club members that they should ask the GSO to fund their online photo forum as it would have a broader audience. The motion was seconded by Tanya Smith. The motion passes by in favor 10, oppose 8, and abstaining 4.
5. Rocky Horror Picture Show, ICON requested \$500 from GSO if their approved funding from CSA fell through. In turn the ICON offered 20 free memberships to graduate students for the ICON 23 weekend program. Terra made a motion to fund the request on condition that the money is awarded only if CSA is not able to meet the request. The motion passes unanimously.
6. Harmony, IGSA and IFG requested \$4000 to support a music event. The budget committee recommended \$3500. Mark made a motion to fund \$2500 to cover the honorarium. The motion passes by in favor 13, oppose 1 and abstaining 4.

Rules and Constitution Committee

1. The revised Lounge Committee bylaws are presented to the senate by the RCC chair Prasanna and the bylaws are passed by the senate unanimously.
2. The revised Board of Appeals bylaws are presented to the senate. Masa moves a motion to pass the first three pages of the revised version and to include "The GSO Constitution, Article IV.E.2, governs removal of the GSO Officers" as section I under section III.

3. The revised standing committee bylaws are presented to the senate. Tanya points out a correction and article II section A New IV is corrected to read as “At the beginning of each semester, members who have been deemed consistently inactive in the previous semester, may be removed from official Standing Committee membership status upon recommendation of the chair” and moves a motion to pass the corrected bylaws. The motion passes unanimously.

University Committees:

Grad council report is presented by Angeliki.

Old Business

- A. Kavita moves a motion requesting that the university café be the official GSO meeting location and the motion passes unanimously.
- B. The president nominates new committee members and the nominated committee members are unanimously approved by the senate.

New Business

- A. Pegine Walrad requested the GSO to support a petition to Dean Martin that would allow August graduates to walk in the graduation ceremony in May. The motion passes by in favor 16, oppose 3 and abstain 1.
- B. Eric Bruzaitis from NYPIRG made announcements about their upcoming energy forum.
- C. Bin Tang made a report on the Nov 11th senate meeting where Guofeng Hou was removed from office.
- D. Andi Abedini brought to the senate’s notice that the fee imposed by the graduate school on the international students exclusively to cover services provided by the international office was unfair.

A motion to adjourn the senate meeting is made at 8:25 pm and it passes unanimously. The meeting is adjourned at 8:25 pm.