

MINUTES OF THE GSO SENATE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2003

The Senate meeting starts at 6:00PM with 18 senators.

The July 17th, 2003 and August 14th, 2003 Senate meeting minutes are approved unanimously.

Motion by the senator to move the approval of Sep 16th minutes to the end of the meeting so as to complete other important business is passed unanimously.

A budget report is presented by Ron Willa (C&D Agent). He suggests that GSO should try to make some surplus in this financial year.

Angeliki presents survival guide committee report. (Survival Guide report attached)

Appointment and approval of new Treasurer

President nominates Rong Su, a graduate student from the Dept. of Computer Science as the GSO Treasurer, highlighting her leadership and managerial skills.

Speaker informs the senate that a two-thirds majority is needed to approve the appointment of the Treasurer. A motion to appoint Rong Su as Treasurer is made and it passes by in favor 13, opposed 3, and abstaining 2. A motion to discuss the training of Rong is made. The motion loses by in favor 7, opposed 10 and abstaining 0.

Appointment and Approval of new standing committees

The motion to approve the nomination of Venkat Pasham as GSO Secretary by the President passes unanimously.

Motion to end the meeting and adjourn failed by in favor 7, opposed 7 and abstain 1. Quorum still exists in the senate meeting with 12 members in the Senate.

Motion to ask the Graduate School Dean to apologize the GSO for overturning the April referendum is made and it passes by in favor 8, opposed 4 and abstain 0.

A motion to move the discussion whether the GSO should endorse the letter by Alok Gambhir to President Kenny regarding the Dean's overturning the April referendum to the next senate meeting is made. The motion loses by in favor 4, opposed 6 and abstain 2 and so the discussion continues on this.

Meeting adjourns at 8:30PM as it loses the quorum.

Attachment

SURVIVAL GUIDE REPORT

2003-04 Survival Guide-Budget Committee Statement
Submitted by Angeliki Field-Pollatou on September 17th, 2003

Introduction

The Survival Guide is an annual publication that is intended to introduce the new graduate students to the University, life off and on campus, administrative, insurance and other issues they might face. The publication is funded by the GSO funds (which come from the activity fees that are paid by all the graduate students). The Survival Guide is distributed to all graduate students during orientation. It was distributed this year on August 21st during the GSO presentation during the orientation. It was also distributed to individual departments secretaries and copies were sent to the Graduate School.

Editors, ad solicitors and contributors

The editors of the Survival Guide this year were: Smitha Fathima, Angeliki Field-Pollatou, Jasmina Sinanovic and Maria Squire. All the above four along with Tanya Smith were the ad solicitors. Contributors were: Angela Agnello, Susan Di Monde, Bryan Field, Joanna Harris, Insiya Lokhandwala, Andrea Marchese, Allison Milano, Gary Mis, Mellisa Morahan, Donna Molloy, Shawn Pottorf, Masha Prodanovic, Christine Promin, Hernan Pruden, Megan Reeve, Marianna Savoca, Sumukh Shevde, Tanya Smith, Diana Voss, Pegine Walrad, Billy Whorton, Dahai Yu and Joe Gast. Jasmina Sinanovic designed the cover.

Budget issues

In the budget that was approved in May 2003 the money that was allocated for the printing of the Survival Guide was \$3000. We decided to print less copies than last year since the incoming students were less this year. We decided to print 700 copies and the printing costs were \$2291.

2003-04 Survival Guide issues

Expenses (printing)

Income:\$

Editors

The amount that is allocated for editing the Survival Guide is \$500. The editors were paid relatively to the amount of time that they spend on the Survival Guide. The editors were paid as follows:

Editor1: \$ 85

Editor 2: \$ 85

Editor 3: \$ 245

Editor 4: \$ 85

Advertisements

Like every year ads were solicited for the Survival Guide. The total ad revenue was

The advertisement solicitors will be paid as follows:

Solicitor 1 : \$277.5

Solicitor 2 : \$457.5

Solicitor 3 : \$737.5

Solicitor 4 : \$ 225

Solicitor 5 : \$ 675

The ad solicitors take 50% of the advertisement revenue according to our budget guidelines. Our Budget received \$ from the ads which is a pure income for GSO.