



## **GSO Senate Meeting – December 1, 2009 - Minutes**

### **1) Approved December Agenda and November Minutes**

36 Department Senators in Attendance. Absent: Electrical & Computer Engineering, Music.

### **2) Deputy Provost Brent Lindquist Addresses the Senate**

\$200 billion investment by the Korean Government -> Free Economic Zone. Internationalization, wants to be viewed as a gateway to Asia. Desire for a knowledge based industry. Songdo Campus – Korea will pay the faculty. 90% of Korean high school graduates attend college. (US ~33%)<sup>1</sup>. UK Times for higher Education places the top 3 Korean Universities as 50, 95, and 188 in the rankings. SBU is 127. US holds 13/20 top schools in the world. UK holds 4/20. UK has similar population to South Korea (SK). Education is a growing global business. SK has reach out and invited American universities to set up branch campuses in the free economic zone. SONGDO Region – International University – Global Campus. NC State, Georgia Tech, Carnegie Mellon, John Hopkins. SK will provide new housing for professors, all non-academic functions. Rent free for 5 years, \$1m funding. SBU provides faculty, students, and SBU degrees. Will provide study abroad programs, further bilateral exchange. SBU has very little visibility in Europe. Is well known in China, but not rest of Asia. Would like to increase global footprint. Most leading universities have a much larger international footprint. Overseas operations will be run from student's tuition in Korea, will have specific endowment. Price point is same as out-of-state tuition. Will issue grad + undergrad degrees. NYS tax dollars will NOT be spent on this work.

### **3) GSO President Dylan Selterman Addresses the Senate**

Info on MS Programs. Putting grad students on research lines. According to new plan Dean LM would not do this shifting. His primary concerns are that there would not be as many lines for recruitment. TA line allocations would be in full control by the departments as per U. Buffalo and SUNY Albany. Senator brought up the concern that departmental staff would be overworked allocating this budget. Dylan -> crucial to talk to your grad coordinator/director about this plan. According to the new plan, the grad school would control the amount of lines for first year students. The Departmental Chairperson has the decision making power. Many departments may like to reduce the number of new incoming students. There is an upcoming Town Hall Meeting on the new hotel to be built on campus, send email reminder to GSO list serve.

### **4) GSO Vice President Angel Gonzalez Addresses the Senate**

Upcoming social events planned -> Karaoke Night. Bowling night in January. Please email Angel to submit ideas and suggestions. Safety Issues.

### **5) GSO Treasurer Chris Young Addresses the Senate**

Prior to the approvals at the December meeting, we had spent \$3770 for Speaker Series, \$7840 for Social Events, and \$1500 for Miscellaneous Grants. After these approvals, the totals are \$8607, \$10684.55 and \$1500 respectively.

### **Budget Requests**

- CARA Super X/Mas Party – Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> in the evening. \$1,040 approved.
- English Graduate conference – Grad. Eng. Society, 22<sup>nd</sup> year – longest standing grad student interdisciplinary conference. \$200 from Women’s studies and \$500 from English. \$1,731, approved.
- SARA Christmas Event – Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 9-11pm, Schomburg Commons, \$615 approved.
- SARA Entertainmonth – 3 Events – Wii/PingPong/Movies - \$300 approved
- SOMAS Grad Student Symposium – Jan. 22, 2010 8am-6pm, Endeavor Hall, Dr. Aaron Beck, will discuss professional development and career path. \$1,256 approved.
- Social Concerns Committee – Karaoke tonight @ 8pm, \$350. Bowling night – Jan. 28, 2010 – Thurs. 9-11pm. \$539.55. Both approved.
- Austronesian Linguistics – May 7-9, 2010. AFLA, Indian Pacific. \$2,000 approved.

### **6) NAGPS Update – Matthew Engel, Chair of Employment Concerns**

SBU is a member of the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students ([www.nagps.org](http://www.nagps.org)). Represents many of the nation’s top universities to the US Government. Involved with federal lobbying campaign for graduate education. Provides health insurance coverage to students. Matt E. elected to Board of Directors, Chair of Employment Concerns Committee. Opportunity for SBU grad students who want to get involved. Northeast Regional Conference April 23-25, 2010 – Pittsburgh, PA. Carnegie Mellon + U. Pittsburgh Joint Hosts.

### **7) RA Union Update – Clint Young**

- Will be sending email updates regarding our bargaining session results and contract updates
- Open assembly 12/8 – 7pm Wang 104. Had many new attendees.
- Please check the website [www.sbraunion.org](http://www.sbraunion.org)

### **8) GSEU Update – Derek McGrath**

Successfully placed phone calls to the state. This upcoming Thursday there is bargaining. State wants to revise the contract. We have new office space! Nassau Hall room 123A. Looking for Departmental Mobilizes from CS, Physics, Engineering, and SoMAS.

### **9) Rules and Constitution Committee – Speaker Greg Sabino Addressed the Senate**

Copy of this presentation will be made separately.

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<sup>i</sup> [http://wiki.answers.com/Q/What\\_percentage\\_of\\_high\\_school\\_graduates\\_go\\_to\\_college\\_2008-2009](http://wiki.answers.com/Q/What_percentage_of_high_school_graduates_go_to_college_2008-2009)