

Meeting Minutes
3/18/21

- Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.
- Approval of February meeting minutes
 - Jamie Trost (*Psychology Dept Rep*) made motion to approve
 - Minutes seconded by (did not get name of student)
 - Minutes approved
- Ryan Karl (*GSU President, Computer Science & Engineering*)
 - Discussed reduced dining hall meal rates for graduate students
 - Pilot program
 - Rates reduced by 50%
 - Question from Kristi Haas, (*Quality of Life Chair, Theology Dept Rep*)
 - What is the rationale behind reduced rate?
 - Ryan Karl
 - Grad students have different situation than undergrads
 - Different living situation
 - Meal plan unaffordable
 - Most don't purchase plan
- Committee reports were read
- Constitution Revisions
 - Ryan Karl
 - Current GSU Constitution is outdated
 - Not best document for 2021
 - Update almost complete last year when pandemic happened
 - New committee (this academic year) carried on the work
 - Got needed approvals
- Constitution needs to be approved twice
 - Vote tonight
 - April Council meeting
- Steven Dabelow, (*ACMS Dept Rep*)
 - Made motion to discuss revisions
 - Motion seconded by Bryanna Beamer (*Keough School of Global Affairs, MGA, 1st years, Dept Rep*)
 - Vote on motion
 - Yes
 - 21 out of 31
 - Passes
- Question from Amy Kryston, (*CEEES Dept Rep*)
 - How easy is it for a future board to choose number of Chairs & stipend (PD funds) for Chairs?
- Ryan Karl
 - Executive Board members are able to choose number of Chairs
 - Fixed professional development fund amount

- Amy Kryston
 - Asked if this is a Council process to change stipends (PD funds)?
- Ryan Karl
 - Current process is not easy to change
 - New process easier for changes to be made
- Steven Dabelow
 - Asked for overview of club funding and financial business with the executive board
- Ryan Karl
 - Two Vice Presidents of the Executive Board handle this
 - One VP oversees Conference Presentation Grant reviews & awards
 - One VP oversees club funding
- Joel Devonshire (*Keough School of Global Affairs, Ph.D Dept Rep*)
 - Regarding changing name of GSU, are there any formal discussions to becoming a formal union?
- Ryan Karl
 - New Constitution will change GSU to GSG (Graduate Student Government)
 - Some students thought GSU was a labor union
 - New Constitution makes it more clear
- Mimi Beck (*Director, Grad Student Life, Advisor to GSU*)
 - Per the NLB, private institutions may not unionize
 - No current union will allow grad student to be unionized
- Eileen Morgan (*Medieval Studies, Dept Rep*)
 - Currently the NLB is not on the side of private colleges unionizing
 - Lots of graduate students would prefer this to be able to happen
- Jamie Trost
 - Motion to close discussion
 - Janela Morsby (*GSU Co-VP, Biochemistry*) seconded this motion
 - Vote on motion
 - 18 Yes
 - Motion passed
- Jamie Trost
 - Motion to vote on Constitution
 - Janeala Morsby seconded motion
 - Vote on motion
 - 17 Yes
 - 2 Abstentions
 - 12 No
 - Motion passed
- Break-Out Sessions
- New Business
- Steven Dabelow
 - Choosing to step down as Dept Rep
 - Masters student will take Steven's place

- New in Constitution
 - Department that has Masters & Ph.D programs must have (1) rep from each
- Mimi Beck
 - Clarification
 - Their program has to offer a terminal Masters program
 - We cannot force department to send reps, we can invite them
- Kristi Haas
 - Some departments have been supporting TAs regarding the vaccine. Is it possible that Dean Carlson & DGSs provide support for this? What's the best way to distribute this knowledge that this is a possibility?
- Alan Costello (*Quality of Life Chair, Biological Sciences*)
 - State guidelines
 - No University personnel included yet
 - Some TAs have gotten vaccine
 - Some TAs have not
 - Not sure it's been fully approved yet
- Mimi Beck
 - Alan is correct
 - Not eligible yet
 - We don't have confirmation of that policy regarding ability to go to Krogers, etc.& show ID to get vaccine
 - Added just today
 - A number of health risk factors/list of health issues
 - Eligible for vaccine
- Xing-Jie Zhong (*Social Chair, Computer Science & Engineering*)
 - What's the timeline for transition of current Chairs?
- Ryan Karl
 - May 15
- Mimi Beck
 - Typically it's May 15
 - Budget year ends June 30
 - Can host events end of May and into June
- Jonathan Takeshita (*GSU Co-Vice President, Computer Science & Engineering*)
 - Is representation for Masters & Ph.Ds a requirement?
- Ryan Karl
 - In the past we've had Masters Liaisons
 - The role is specifically targeting terminal Masters students
- Mimi Beck
 - GSU cannot make departments send reps
 - We invite them
- Stan Letchev (*Physics Dept Rep*)
 - Departments must have (1) rep from each level
 - Departments that have both Masters & Ph.D programs

- Strongly suggested in our Constitution, department specific
- Ryan Karl
 - Constitution can always be amended in future
- Amy Kryston
 - Are you planning a motion to allow piece of budget for the summer?
- Ryan Karl
 - Good reminder for us
- Stan Letchev
 - New Constitution stipulation
 - Last meeting of year (April)
 - Summer budget, until next budget gets approved
- Ryan Karl
 - Do we have a motion to adjourn the meeting?
- Amy Kryston
 - Motion to adjourn
 - Seconded by Janeala Morsby
 - Vote
 - Motion passes
- Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.