

Meeting Minutes
10/26/23

- Theo Reed (*GSG President, Biological Sciences*) started meeting promptly at 6:30 p.m.
- Approval of meeting minutes from 9/21/23 Council meeting
 - Adedoyin Okanlawon (*Psychology*) made motion to approve
 - Montana Carlozo (*Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering*) seconded the motion
- Ariel Thelander (*GSG Co-Vice President, Chemistry & Biochemistry*) explained the two items that need to be voted on later this evening
 - Making change to GSG Constitution
 - Proposing to change the following clause in the constitution:

VIII. Finance

A. Graduate Student Activities Fee

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2. This fee shall be set each year at the last General Meeting of the Academic Year by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of Representatives present and voting, provided Major Quorum is met, and the University administrators have been consulted as is appropriate.

TO THIS:

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 - Vote on decreasing Student Activity fee from \$72 to \$70, to pilot a new lower functioning budget
- Committee Reports (refer to agenda packet)
 - Ariel spoke about the Conference Presentation Grant (CPG) & how there is a little money left over each month
 - Thomas Poitevin (*Economics*) asked how the CPG is allocated
 - CPG Allocation explanation

- 7 member review committee
- Cycle is a calendar year, with applications being reviewed on or by the 15th of each month
- Criteria for review is on [GSG website](#)
 - More funds allocated to
 - Senior students
 - International travel
 - Presentation vs poster presentation
 - Montana Carlozo (*Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering*)
 - Proposed we not increase award amounts but get more students to apply
 - Ariel explained the revise & resubmit option that is in place for applicants & discussed dates to apply
- Theo proposed Constitutional change vote
 - We have Major Quorum
 - Vote on change to GSG Constitution
 - Adedoyin made a motion to vote
 - Montana seconded the motion
 - Voting took place
 - Vote passed (28)
- Ariel proposed Student Activity fee reduction vote
 - We have Major Quorum
 - Vote on Student Activity fee reduction
 - Samuel Ary (*Sacred Music*) made a motion to vote
 - Montana seconded the motion
 - Voting took place
 - Vote passed (27)
- Open floor for questions
- Agus Fiorani (*Anthropology*) asked question regarding parking fees
 - Per Theo, the parking commission does not set this amount nor do they decide access to spaces. The Dean of Graduate School is looking into this
- Adedoyin mentioned that students from her department are asking for more updates on dental & vision insurance as well as tax information for international students
 - Per Theo, there are active conversations with executive committees working on insurance for graduate students
- Alejandrina Tinta Segovia (*Romance Languages & Literatures*) discussed Rec Sports classes with faculty & staff instead of with undergrads, due to timing of the classes
- Brief breakout sessions
- Meeting was adjourned (after breakout sessions finished) at approximately 7:30 p.m.