



## Graduate Student Association Meeting

Friday, March 8, 2024

### MINUTES

Meeting start time 5:38 pm

- I. Meeting called to Order by VP Cinnamon Morris at 5:38pm
- II. Adoption of the Agenda – Agenda formally adopted.
- III. Attendance of GSA Officers Recorded.  
Desiray Slaughter, Cinnamon Morris, Clivens Fresnel, Itoko Kobayashi, Katherine Miromonti, Kelsey Marino, Nayva Mehta, Veronica Golden. Dr. Kevin Miller
- IV. February 9, GSA Meeting Minutes Approved
- V. Remarks of the President, Shenese Patterson did not attend, Executive VP Cinnamon Morris provided remarks.
- VI. Remarks of the GSA Administrative Liaison, Dr. Kevin Miller, Director, Graduate Studies  
Yeshevie last day is Wednesday March 13. She is working half days. Ian will help but for the most part Dr. Miller will be an office of one. Please be patient with response times.  
The merit-based scholarship application still waiting to be reviewed.
  - a. SUNY Diversity Fellowship – waiting on approval from SUNY.
  - b. Graduate Advisory Committee – Virtual March 19, 2024, at 12:15pm
  - c. Merit-based applications – need to determine how many to fund (6PT, 22FT)
  - d. Graduate Student Research Fair & Capstone Contest – meeting will be set with Executive VP Morris to plan the event.
  - e. Graduate Faculty Meeting – February 23 – Senator Lisa Michael represented GSA
- VII. Remarks of Vice President of Finance, Clivens Fresnel
  - a. Discussion about the Amendment to the GSA Constitution for vote
    - i. Adjust Academic Line allocation from 90% to 85%.
    - ii. Modify Student Welfare Line allocation from 10% to 15%.
    - iii. Funding limited changed from \$3,000 to \$1,500.
  - b. Motion to approve as GSA Constitution Amendment occurred at last GSA Senate meeting.
  - c. Board agreed to delay vote on Amendment to allow more time for graduate students to review the proposed amendment and provide feedback to Senators.
  - d. Pass Merit-based scholarship winners' allocation amount for 2024  
After discussion GSA Senate voted to approve 8 full time and 6 part time scholarships awards – vote was 5 to approve and 2 dissented – motion approved.  
We are over budget on what was estimated for Academic Line. We are on pace to be a minimum of \$15,000 over. Fortunately, reserve funds will cover the overages. This was accounted for in VP Fresnel's budget plan adopted by GSA.



- e. Discuss topic – Should GSA change the merit scholarship award to one amount starting 2024/2025? This will be brought as a motion in March. Amount under consideration is \$1,000 per student full time or part time. Consideration should consider that the GSA Constitution does not state a limit to number of awards to make available or amount. This has been determined by GSA Senate. This will be explored further at next GSA Senate meeting April 12, 2024. Before funding is Cut Katherine suggested GSA seek feedback from students since there are not many people representing each department.

VIII. Remarks of Vice President of Administration, Desiray Slaughter

- a. Planning Committee update

Professional development events possibly in motion with Dr. Wilson from HESAA. Then something with Dr. Puccio. Desiray reached out to him but hasn't heard back so Dr. Miller should reach out.

- b. Tabling Events - Katherine and Lisa indicated they are willing to table. Start with bacon hall Thursday March 21. Katherine/Cinnamon will table Getting there set up by 4 pm. Desiray will table April 15<sup>th</sup> 4-7 pm.

IX. New Business

- a. GSA Social Media Platforms – addition to GSA website
  - i. Upcoming event flyer shared on Instagram, possibly Discord Facebook
- b. Purchase of Fans - GSA Senate approved purchase of 12 packets of 9 fans for \$395.88. Fans will be GSA's contribution to collaboratively sponsored Drag Show event with Residents Life, April 10, 2024. Anticipate 100 attendees for Drag Show event. Someone will need to purchase the fans and submit for reimbursement. Will need sign in sheet when receipt submitted for reimbursement.
- c. Proposal for event everyone agrees.
- d. We voted in agreement for social welfare line.
- e. Remarks/Thoughts from Senators – constituent questions/comments - None

X. Closing Comment

Thank you everyone for all the support and help. We have three tabling on the calendar and the fans ordered. Happy National Women's Day!!

XI. GSA Senate Meeting Reminder: April 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., May 10, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.: Graduate Student Research Fair & 3-Minute Capstone Contest Finals

Everyone should attend and if possible, present at the research fair.

XII. Meeting Adjourned

Katherine seconds Veronica thirds it.