

Senate Minutes

GSBA Senate

Nov. 7th, 2016

- I. Prayer
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approve Minutes-Julia moves to approve minutes, Anthony seconds, minutes approved
- IV. Adopt Agenda-Hunter moves to approve agenda, Andrew seconds, agenda approved
- V. Open Forum
 - A. UMEC/LGBTQ+ meeting summary-Rafael
 - What is the purpose? Who do they teach? What are the responsibilities?
 - How to follow up with problems on campus
 - Structure of power and responsibility
 - Establishing committees that include faculty/staff/students
 - How to improve student attendance and participation-calendar app?
 - Download corq to see Gonzaga events and take notes on potential improvements; only available to ios?
- VI. University/Executive Report
 - A. President
 - Dining over discourse-Nov 17th @5:30 in Cataldo; conversation on capitalism; open to students/staff/faculty; registration by Nov. 11th
 - Cultural studies program-looks at difference: race, power, multiculturalism
 - Spring symposium on diversity and inclusion
 - Good feedback for Hemmingson shell space
 - B. Vice-President
 - Respond to class officers to set up meetings
 - Letters Abroad-help with tabling for writing letters to students abroad
 - C. Matt Lamsma, Dean of Student Engagement
 - UMEC/LGBTQ+
 1. Looking to hire a new director
 2. Looking for feedback on what the community needs from UMEC/LGBTQ+ offices to make sure centers create positions that match needs of the students
 - a. Outlet/safe space
 - b. Open forum to voice what students see on campus and thoughts on improving diversity/equality
 - c. Place to educate all people
 - d. Place of growing for anyone interested

3. Programs included at the center that people know of: Leads, Bridge

D. Jon Wheeler, Director of Residence Life

- The Issues Regarding Housing For LGBTQ+ Students
 1. Considering Safe Space & Mission Statement
 - a. Opening environment and all housing to transgender to ensure openness, inclusiveness, comfortability
 - b. How to make gender inclusive housing more open; options include
 - a) Checkbox on app
 - b) Identity themed living communities—concerns that these take away from mission of encouraging diversity and multicultural interaction and does not ensure safe space
 - c. Considering potential responses; ensuring housing measures match up with mission statement
 2. What is happening now?
 - a. Find and offer transgender students residence option that matches their gender expression
 - b. Requires student to reach out and express need for assistance finding comfortable housing—want to make these options more visible/accessible

E. Advisor

F. Chief of Staff

- Jackets/crewnecks available for \$10 each; need to be ordered by Fri Nov 11 @5 PM
- Winter retreat is January 28-29
- Secret Santa

G. Sustainability Chair

- By-Laws
- Florence Rep/Sustainability
- Green Fund Promotion

H. Speaker of the Senate

- Senate Clerk-Danielle Standish appointed
- Meeting with Judy
 1. Spring Break Change-cannot be moved; does not align with WCC tournament because of Mother's Day
 2. Sodexo Water Bottles-rumor that new sustainability director considering bringing back plastic water bottles; more information to come

- No day off for Veteran's day in order to meet mandatory education day minimums

VII. Committee Reports

A. Finance

- Funding Request-approved \$275 for mock trial
 - Jose calls to question, Matt seconds, all in favor, funding request approved

B. Governance

- Meeting Time
- Community Events Chair Ratification- Shelby chosen; does not need to go through governance because not elected; Matt moves to table appointment decision until next meeting when she is able to attend; Molly moves to appoint Shelby this meeting so she can start work right away; Braxton calls to question, Andrew seconds the motion, majority in favor of approving appointment, Matt and Sam not in favor, motion passed
- Sustainability Chair + Florence Rep By-Laws; Sustainability chair paid, Florence unpaid but minimal work; move to combine positions
- Senate Clerk By-Laws: brand new position; add to by-laws to continue having senate clerks

C. Senate Faculty/GSBA Liaison Committee

- Academic
 1. Making course evaluations more effective for faculty and students
 2. Dead week: giving students more time to study; working to decrease amount of work that can be assigned the week before finals
 3. Healthy Campus 2020-further discussion of view and effects
- Health and Safety
 1. Want to focus on a few projects to make effective change-still deciding on topics
 2. Campus smoking policy-outdated; potential area for change
- Student Development
 1. Addressing diversity on campus
 2. Healthy Campus 2020

VIII. Old Business

- A. University Forum-working on potential senate collaboration post-debate

IX. New Business

- A. 130 Across the Aisle t-shirts from Judy Biggs-Garbuio to be handed out
 - Connor, Madison, Isabelle, Lauren, Andrew, Braxton available for tabling 12-2 Tuesday Nov 7
- B. GSBA Senate Efficiency Policy Proposal

- A Discussion Regarding Senate number due to unfilled senate positions
- Late additions and unfilled positions disrupt flow of senate
- Decrease from 4 to 3 senators per class to increase efficiency
- Senate discussion
 - All occurs in fall, have applications open in Spring
 - Decreases amount of creativity and ideas
 - Decreases size of committees, many of which are already small
- All in favor of Validity of Pursuing Proposal

C. Information regarding academic honors societies per school

X. Announcements

- a. GSBA/GAB Concert Senate Flyer Competition! -reminder to hand out/post flyers for Allen Stone concert; senator who gives out most flyers wins free sweater/crewneck
- b. Speaker for Nov. 7th Meeting: Judi Biggs-Garbuio, VP Student Development
- c. Reminder: GSBA Jackets & Crew Necks Online!

XI. Adjournment (Vote)-Connor moves to adjourn meeting, Sophie moves to second, meeting adjourned

