



Senate Agenda

GSBA Senate
May 1st, 2017

- I. Prayer (Braxton)
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approve Minutes-Sam moves to approve, Andrew seconds, minutes approved
- IV. Adopt Agenda-Braxton moves to adopt, Matt seconds, agenda adopted
- V. Open Forum
 - GEO: Carrie + Divestment Policy-really hoping to get the resolution through to not back major carbon consumers
 - La Raza Latina: Daniel and Amayrani-in support of undocumented students' resolution, appreciate senate's work on it, and want to work with GSBA to push it forward and raise awareness about undocumented students and the struggles they face; writing a response to the op-ed in the Bulletin
- VI. University/Executive Report
 - A. President
 - Diversity and equity at GU: stories behind the stats-yesterday, was very successful and impactful; many stories shared, capstone of this year's advocacy and push for inclusion
 - Critical race studies minor-survey sent last Monday, please fill out to give an idea of how many students are interested and what courses people want to be available
 - B. Vice President
 - EOY Awards-vote for end of year awards if you have not already!
 - C. Advisor
 - D. Chief of Staff
 - GSBA Banquet-Friday @ 6 in Herak Club Room (photo examples of how to dress coming soon)
 - SpringFest on Saturday! Sign up to volunteer & get a dope shirt
 - E. Speaker of the Senate
 - Student Town Hall Re-cap-great turnout! Around 65 students, lots of good feedback and raised awareness on undocumented students' resolution, outlined a timeline of the resolution and its implementation
 - Undocumented Students Resolution Updates-2 meetings w/financial aid, adding an opt-out tuition payment requires hiring more resources because

they have to go through these manually, GU trying to not hire more people to keep costs low so could cause issues; could do student fundraising or other forms of acquiring funds; feasible to get real results in the next year or two; university advancements believe they could get donors to back undocumented students

VII. Committee Reports

A. Finance

B. Governance

- Office Hours Bill
 - Adjusts GSBA office staff's required office hours to better reflect the time necessary to complete each member's work
 - Fiona moves to make the first reading the final reading, Andrew seconds, majority in favor, voting begins, majority in favor, bill passed
- Director, Diversity + Inclusion By-Laws
 - Updating by-laws concerning position requirements of director of diversity including sits on cabinet, supports advocacy coordinator, consultant to president, meetings with clubs committed to diversity and inclusion to be informed, support, and collaborate
 - Matt moves to make the first reading the final reading, Murphy seconds, majority in favor, voting begins, majority in favor, bill passed

C. Health and Safety-GEO Divestment Resolution

- Recommends that the Board of Trustees commits to divest the GU endowment from the 200 most carbon intensive companies by 2020
- GEO has been working with administration but student support could show the importance of the proposal; faculty senate also discussing the proposal
- Research on financial impact has had varying results, some saying there is an expense incurred to switch to a more carbon friendly portfolio and others saying there is no cost
- Currently about 4% of the endowment is invested in these top 200 carbon intensive companies
- Murphy moves to make the first reading the final reading, Braxton seconds, majority in favor, voting begins, majority in favor, resolution passed

D. Student Development

- Next year hope to strengthen guidelines on what student development committee focuses on

E. Academic

- Testimonials-If you are a political science major, please see Fiona to give a testimonial about the honors society
- PSA Resolution

- To bring awareness to and revitalize political science honors society
- Josh moves to make the first reading the final reading, Sam seconds, majority in favor, voting begins, majority in favor, resolution passed

F. Diversity Task Force

- Undocumented Students Funding Resolution
 - GSBA commitment to exploring additional funding methods for the undocumented students scholarship
 - Tyler moves to make the first reading the final reading, Andrew seconds, majority in favor, voting begins, majority in favor, resolution passed

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Announcements

- End of the Year Banquet (May 5th)
- Spring Fest (May 6th)

XI. Adjournment-Braxton, Matt & Andrew second, meeting adjourned