

**Graduate Student Senate
Meeting MINUTES**

Date/Time: October 9, 2014, 4:00 pm

Location: Campus Center Conference Room

Guest(s): Jiye Song (President CSSA); Hang Lie, Hautao Youn, Huan Xu (CSSA Officers)
Richard Aime (Law School, Student Bar Association President)
Trevor Mattos, College of Arts and Science, Public Policy

Name	Position/College	Meeting Status
Robert Nanna	President College of Arts and Science, School of Education	Present
Catherine Sauter	Vice President School of Law	Absent/excused
Zachary Grant	Treasurer College of Engineering	Present
Jane Murphy	Secretary College of Nursing	Present
Steven Briggs	Advisor	Present

Senator	College	Meeting Status
Sidafa Conde	College of Engineering	Absent/excused
R. Bart Henderson	School of Law	Present
Elizabeth Janson	College of Arts and Science, School of Education	Present
Kien Nguyen	College of Business	Present
Russell Prigodich	College of Visual and Performing Arts	Present

Katyanne Shoemaker	School of Marine Science and Technology	Absent/excused
Joe Truschelli	College of Business	Present

Meeting called to order by Robert Nanna, GSS President at 4:00 pm

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up/Person(s) Responsible
Agenda review	R. Nanna welcomed guests to the meeting. While waiting for a quorum to be present the meeting agenda items were reviewed. Z. Grant stated that we had several budget items to discuss today: Transformative Researchers and Educators for Democracy Conference and the Legal Association of Women funding proposal. Z. Grant has also received funding requests for the Indian Student Association (ISA), the Chinese Club, MBA Association (MBAA) and an individual request from Mike Savaria.	Items to be discussed after visitor business conducted.
Celtics tickets	100 tickets were purchased for \$1,200. Request for allocations sent to Jillian George by Z. Grant. Two buses will cost \$460 and will be needed from 4 pm (campus) to game conclusion. S. Briggs will send email to publicize the event once the tickets have arrived. Z. Grant will set up method for payment for students.	S. Briggs will send out an email announcement to all graduate students once the tickets are received. Z. Grant will set up method to collect fee from students.
CSSA Constitution	The officers from the CSSA joined the GSS Senators at the meeting to discuss questions related to the constitution they have submitted. President J. Song stated that the CSSA had received some funding	C. Sauter will contact Jiye Song (jsong@umassd.edu) and review GSS recommendations for

	<p>from the SGA in the past for a Spring show that was held in the auditorium. The CSSA has come forward to the GSS because of a new level of activities. In the past the focus has been on Chinese students and now they are interested in including the whole campus in events. They are directly funded through the Chinese Embassy for activities for (1) Chinese students and (2) to promote Chinese culture. J. Murphy asked how many in the group are graduate students and how many are undergraduate students. J. Song replied that approximately 70% of the members are graduate students and 30% are undergraduate students thus they are applying for funding through GSS. J. Murphy noted that the GSS had discussed some recommendations for the CSSA constitution at the last meeting. Written recommendations from T. Fisher and minutes from last meeting were shared with R. Song. One recommendation was that family members could not be considered members of the CSAA as it is a student organization. Also the Advisory group cannot be members as they function in an advisory capacity only. J. Song stated that the goal of the group was for greater community good and help Chinese students to know more about American culture. Generally the students are in the US for 2 years and integration with the American community is encouraged. R. Nanna informed the CSSA guests that first the constitution needs to be approved before any budget requests are considered. J. Song stated that</p>	<p>the CSSA constitution approval.</p> <p>Z. Grant will discuss budget request with Finance Committee after the CSSA constitution is approved.</p>
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	<p>they would like to do that as soon as possible as they have planned several events: new Chinese students going to Six Flags in two weeks, a basketball event at UMass Boston in which several UMass campuses will be playing; Family Fall Festival and a spring welcome event. It was recommended that J. Song, C. Sauter and Z. Grant keep in contact by email as the constitution is updated, approved by GSS, and then budget request would be reviewed.</p>	
Treasurer Report	<p>The approved budget for GSS was \$70,750, (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014). It was recommended that Z. Grant thank Dr. Milstone for the funding (in person and by letter)</p>	<p>Z. Grant will speak with Dr. Milstone to thank him for GSS funding for this year and also send a letter.</p>
College of Arts and Science open Senator position	<p>Trevor Mattos, graduate student in the College of Arts and Science, Public Policy has come forward to fill the open Senator position. T. Mattos shared some brief background information about himself which included residence in Somerset, undergraduate education in International Development and Public Policy in the Center for Policy Analysis. R. Nanna asked T. Mattos why he wanted to be involved with the GSS. T. Mattos replied that his interest in the GSS overlaps with his intersection interest in politics and activism. He is new to the school and is curious about how best to become involved. T. Mattos was asked if he could attend the meetings scheduled for the fall semester. J. Murphy gave a copy of the fall schedule to T. Mattos. He stated that he would be</p>	<p>None</p>

	<p>able to attend the meetings. T. Mattos was asked to leave the room while Senators discussed his election. A motion was made by J. Murphy to vote on electing Trevor Mattos from the College of Arts and Science as the new senator, seconded by B. Henderson. All in favor, vote carried. T. Mattos was welcomed as the new senator when he returned to the room.</p>	
Minutes 9/24/14	<p>Motion to approve the minutes as written by Z. Grant. Second by J. Truschelli. All in favor with a unanimous vote.</p>	None
Election Committee	<p>J. Truschelli reported that he is still in the process of getting the graduate student numbers for each active group. One open seat remains for the College of Arts and Science. S. Briggs suggested that J. Trushcelli email Dean Jeannette Riley so she can communicate the opening with the Department Chairs and Associate Deans in the College of Arts and Science.</p>	<p>J. Truschelli will follow-up with Dean Jeannette Riley.</p>
Transformative Researchers and Educators for Democracy (TRED) Conference funding proposal	<p>L. Janson stated that it would be great if funding was available for this event. The E-board had reviewed the funding request. R. Nanna asked if this request was an increased amount compared to last year's event. L. Janson stated that last year the TRED did not show up in the Dean's budget line items therefore they did not get any funds from the College of Arts and Science. Fund raising needed to be done at the last minute. The keynote for last year declined an honorarium which helped keep costs lower. This year world renowned scholars will be</p>	<p>L. Janson will report on communication with campus individuals (Dr. Meressi, Joel Parsiah, Derek in Facilities), interpreter services, SAIL, and the university travel agency to reduce costs and income received thus far from fund raising.</p>

	<p>presenting and request an honorarium. Since they are from Washington state travel expenses apply to flights across the country and require accommodations. There are also additional costs for the hearing disable. Sign language interpreters are needed and the cost is close to \$2,000. L. Janson has requested funding from the Dean, Associate Dean and Associate Provost without success. Dr. Tesfay Meressi, Associate Provost for Graduate Studies did not approve money for the event last year because it was considered a program event versus a college event. The technical assistance is for a radio station that will broadcast the event at a reduced cost of \$400. Z. Grant suggested reaching out to Joel Parsiah, advisor of a student run group to see if he can find any available funds. L. Janson stated that requests for donations and fund raising is in process. There was a general discussion about the cost of the interpreter services. There is a paid position at UMASSD that provides interpreters but in the past there had been resistance. It was recommended that L. Janson reach out to these services again vs. contracting for outside services. S. Briggs suggested that Dr. Meressi be contacted again for the use of discretionary funds. S. Briggs offered to help with contacting Dr. Meressi about the event. It was noted that the catering expenses seem high. Z. Grant asked if they were getting a discount through Chartwell. L. Janson stated it was the set prices. Z. Grant</p>	
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	<p>suggested that L. Janson contact Derek in Facilities to request a discount for food. Z. Grant also recommended that L. Janson negotiate paper and printing with SAIL as opposed to using the University service for printing. J. Trushcelli checked Kayak to see if the cost of flights could be reduced which seemed possible. S. Briggs suggested that L. Janson contact the travel agency through the university to see if lower costs could be obtained. L. Janson was asked to leave the room while the Senators discussed the funding proposal. Z. Grant suggested that the GSS that do a 50-50 funding match and commit to \$3,650. It would be recommended that L. Janson follow-up with Dr. Meressi, interpreter services, etc. J. Truschelli called for a vote. Second by J. Murphy. J. Murphy stated the motion: GSS matching funds 50-50 up to \$3,650. Vote held. J. Truschelli stated that UMD should fund the \$2,000 needed for the hearing disable. B. Henderson stated that there is a public facility law for hearing disable. J. Truschelli made a motion to fund \$3,650 with the stipulation of reducing costs. ADA compliance is done through the EOO Office. The amendment to the motion by Z. Grant stated GSS would fund \$3,650 under the stipulation the TRED will cover the remaining cost of the event then GSS funds will be released. Second by J. Truschelli. Unanimous vote, motion amendment passed. L. Janson returned to the room and was informed of the approved motion as stated above.</p>	
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L.A.W. funding proposal	There were some questions related to the L.A.W. funding request. Z. Grant stated that L.A.W. has already received \$538 and questioned if this was a new proposal	Z. Grant will email N. Sousa to clarify the funding request.
LALSA constitution	R. Nanna reported that LALSA has accepted the suggestions of the GSS and they made changes to their constitution based on these recommendations. Motion made by J. Murphy to approve the LALSA constitution. Second by B. Henderson. Vote to accept the motion was passed unanimously. Motion passed.	R. Nanna will send an email to LALSA notifying them of the approval of the constitution.
Next agenda	Due to meeting length today the Chinese Club constitution and the Latina/o American Law Students Association (LALSA) Constitution will be discussed at the next meeting. Social events will also be discussed at the next meeting. R. Nanna has some ideas he would like to share related to fund raising. Discussion about planning the gala will be discussed on 10/22.	Agenda items 10/22: Chinese Student constitution, Latina/o American Law Students Association (LALSA) constitution, fund raising, winter gala
Scholarship update	Tia Bullard notified the E-Board that funds from graduate student fees cannot be accepted to create an endowment.	None
Invitation to GSS members	The Chancellor has invited student groups to attend the Transform 2020 event on October 20 th at 6 pm in Library room 205. The following GSS members plan on attending the event: R. Nanna, Z. Grant, L. Janson, T. Mattos, and K. Nguyen.	None

Filling secretary position due to resignation	J. Truschelli nominated T. Mattos for the secretary position. T. Mattos accepted the position with a request for support from the E-Board. J. Murphy and R. Nanna will mentor T. Mattos. It was stated that this would be a growth opportunity to learn more about GSS. A motion was made by J. Truschelli to elect T. Mattos for the position of secretary. Second by B. Henderson. The vote accepted unanimously. Motion passed.	J. Murphy will send out agenda, minutes and attachments for the 10/22 meeting.
Next meeting	The next meeting is on October 22, 2014 at 5:30 pm. B. Henderson will check to see if the Law School conference room is available.	Meeting location will be announced via email.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Truschelli and second by B. Henderson, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm

Respectfully submitted
Jane Murphy
GSS Secretary