

**Graduate Student Senate
Meeting MINUTES**

Date/Time: February 5, 2015, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Location: Campus Center Conference Room

Guest(s): Tiffany Ferreira, College of Engineering

Name	Position/College	Meeting Status
Robert Nanna	President College of Arts and Science, School of Education	Absent/Excused
Catherine Sauter	Vice President School of Law	Present
Zachary Grant	Treasurer College of Engineering	Present
Trevor Mattos	Secretary College of Arts and Science, Public Policy	Absent/Excused
Steven Briggs	Advisor	Present

Senator	College	Meeting Status
Jason Wright	College of Arts and Sciences	Present
R. Bart Henderson	School of Law	Present
Elizabeth Janson	College of Arts and Science, School of Education	Absent/Excused
Jane Murphy	College of Nursing	Present
Kien Nguyen	College of Business	Resigned
Quang Hong Cung	College of Business	Present
Russell Prigodich	College of Visual and Performing Arts	Present
Katyanne Shoemaker	School of Marine Science	Present

	and Technology	
Joe Truschelli	College of Business	Absent/Excused

Meeting called to order by Robert Nanna, GSS President at 4:21 p.m.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up/Person(s)) Responsible
Meeting commenced	Meeting started at 4:05 pm. C. Sauter (Vice President) is presiding today due to R, Nanna's absence. Quorum present (50% +1).	
12/4/14 Meeting Minutes	J. Murphy made a motion to accept minutes from 12/4/14 as written. Second by R. Henderson. Unanimous vote to approve minutes. Motion carries.	
President Report	None	
Vice President Report	None	
Treasurer Report	We have about \$43,000 in the budget at the current time. Z. Grant will have exact figures at the next meeting. The Winter Gala cost will be approximately \$10,000. Z. Grant informed the Senators that we would discuss 5 budget requests in the Finance portion of the meeting.	
Secretary Report	None	
Open Senator Position for the College Engineering	Z. Grant introduced Tiffany Ferreira as a graduate student in the College of Engineering interested in the open Senator seat. T. Ferreira shared a brief bio with the Senators. She graduated from UMASSD in May 2014 in Math and Physics. She now	T. Ferreira will be added to the GSS roster. Email = tferreira3@umassd.edu and tiffanyferr@gmail.com Phone 508-264-7435

	<p>working towards a PhD in the College of Engineering, Math and Physics Department. She is familiar with the campus and interested in getting other graduate students involved with events. T. Ferreira left while a vote was taken. Z. Grant nominated T. Ferreira to the open seat for the College of Engineering. K. Shoemaker and J. Wright seconded the motion. Unanimous vote by all Senators. Motion carried. T. Ferreira returned to the room and was welcomed as the new Senator for the College of Engineering.</p>	<p>Information send to R. Nanna and T. Mattos by J. Murphy for addition to GSS site on Google.</p>
Committee Reports	<p>J. Murphy motioned to move to from the Executive reports to Committee reports, J. Wright seconded the motion. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.</p>	
Election Report	<p>New opening in the College of Business due to the resignation of Kien Nguyen. Traditionally election packets are available during Spring break. Signatures are required to run for GSS Senate positions.</p>	<p>Further report from J. Truschelli at the next meeting.</p>
Finance Report	<p>C. Sauter stated that she will confirm that groups requesting monies for the Rebellious Lawyering (Reb Law) Conference will not overlap on the students attending. Three groups (Criminal Law Society, LALSA and LAW) have requested monies for this event at Yale Law School 2/20/15 to 2/21/15.</p>	
Finance Report: Criminal Law Society Budget Request	<p>C. Sauter has checked with the Criminal Law Society (CLS) and they have 4 students confirmed for the Reb Law Conference. C. Sauter</p>	<p>Z. Grant to transfer \$1,060 into the Criminal Law Society account. Note money will be</p>

	<p>has informed the President of CLS that if 8 students do not attend then the monies will be retracted from their account. There is also a request for guest speakers at the Law School. Discussion to omit the request for T-shirts as GSS does not fund this item. J, Murphy made a motion to approve \$1,060 to CLS for the Reb Law Conference and two guest speakers. Z. Grant and K. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Motion to vote. Vote to accept motion unanimous. Motion passed.</p>	<p>retracted from the account if 8 students do not attend the Reb Law Event.</p>
<p>Finance Report: LALSA Budget Request (revised)</p>	<p>Request for 8 students to attend Reb Law Conference and 8 students to attend the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) Convention. Entrance fee to Reb Law Conference is \$35 per student not \$30 as noted in budget request so amount was upgraded. K. Shoemaker made a motion to approve \$2,180 for the Reb Law Conference and HNBA Convention. R. Henderson and Z. Grant seconded the motion. Motion to vote. Vote to accept motion unanimous. Motion passed.</p>	<p>Z. Grant to transfer \$2,180 into the LALSA account</p>
<p>Finance Report: LAW Budget Request</p>	<p>Request for 6 students to attend Reb Law Conference. Entrance fee is \$35 per student not \$30 as noted in budget request so amount was upgraded. Discussion to approve the gas and parking since LAW did request it within the budget. R. Henderson made a motion to approve \$1,205 to LALSA for the Reb Law Conference. K. Shoemaker seconded the motion.</p>	<p>Z. Grant to transfer \$1,205 into the LAW account.</p>

	Motion to vote. Vote to accept motion unanimous. Motion passed.	
Finance Report: K. Shoemaker Budget Request	J. Murphy commended K. Shoemaker on her pending fund raising. K. Shoemaker was asked to leave the room while the Senators discussed her budget request. J. Murphy made a motion to approve \$514.60 for K. Shoemaker to attend the ASLO Aquatic Sciences meeting. R. Henderson and J, Wright seconded the motion. Motion to vote. Vote to accept motion unanimous. Motion passed. K. Shoemaker returned to the room.	Z. Grant will speak with SAIL about the \$514.60 approved for K. Shoemaker.
Finance Report: MBAA Gala Funding Request	This request has been discussed at the previous meeting. The GSS does not cover open bars. Funding request to go back to the MBAA President Huy Nguyen for revision. Motion to table further discussion made by Z. Grant. Seconded by K. Shoemaker.	Z. Grant will schedule a meeting with Huy Nguyen next week.
Policy Report	No report	
Social Report: Winter Gala February 7, 2015	Approximately 100 tickets have been sold for the Winter Gala. The Finance Committee and Executive Officers decided to purchase an additional 20 tickets. The Senators were asked to spread the word to see who may be interested in tickets. Tables seat 8. At 6:00 pm there will be cheese and crackers, and the photographer will arrive. C. Sauter and Z. Grant will check in people as they arrive. The DJ will be there until 11 pm. A bus will be available to students at 5:30 pm at the Campus Center and then go to	Z. Grant will contact Barbara Costa in the SAIL Office about the bus arrangements. Contact Z. Grant 774-633-0641 with any last minute questions related to the Gala.

	Parking Lot 7. A small amount of students had requested bus transportation. Cultural Center address is 205 South Main St., Fall River, MA (across from the Courthouse). There is free valet parking. S. Briggs will send out a reminder email to those who have purchased tickets.	
Social Report: GSS Bowling Event (March 5 th)	Tabled until the next meeting	Discussion at the February 18 th meeting
Relay for Life	April 24 th . Help raise money for the GSS team. Participation in the walk is encouraged.	
Next Meeting	Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 4:30 pm, Board of Trustees Room in the Administration Building	
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn made by J. Murphy and second by R. Henderson. All approved.	

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Jane Murphy
Past Secretary
College of Nursing