

**Graduate Student Senate
Meeting MINUTES**

Date/Time: September 24, 2014, 5:30-6:30 pm

Location: Charlton College of Business, room 115

Guests: Chien Le Ngoc, Vietnamese Student Association
Russell Prigodich, College of Visual and Performing Arts

Name	Position/College	Meeting Status
Robert Nanna	President College of Arts and Science, School of Education	Present
Catherine Sauter	Vice President School of Law	Present
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	Present
Thomas Fisher	College of Arts and Science	Resignation
R. Bart Henderson	School of Law	Present
Elizabeth Janson	College of Arts and Science, School of Education	Absent/excused
Kien Nguyen	College of Business	Present
Katyanne Shoemaker	School for Marine Science and Technology	Present
Joe Truschelli	College of Business	Present via speaker phone

Meeting called to order by Robert Nanna, GSS President at 5:30 pm

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up/Person(s) Responsible
Tom Fisher resignation	R. Nanna announced that T. Fisher, Senator for the College for Arts and Science has resigned due not being enrolled in classes this semester.	Position will need to be filled for College for Arts and Science
Guest: Chien Le Ngoc, Vietnamese Student Association (VSA)	VSA budget request \$418 discussed. Z. Grant asked C. Le Ngoc about the food and drinks. These items are for the bus trip. The bus will be staying in Boston for the event at MIT. Z. Grant asked if this funding was to come from the \$750 budget. C. Le Ngoc stated that money has been spent on the Mid-Autumn Festival on 9/8/14 in New Bedford for a total of \$740 (copy was given to all Senators). These funds have been transferred to the VSA account by Jillian George. Z. Grant recommended that \$418 be given to the VSA for the MIT event. Second by C. Sauter. Motion by J. Murphy to approve the \$418 for the VSA MIT event. Second by Z. Grant. Vote 7 yes, 1 abstain, motion passed. C. Le Ngoc left the meeting after the discussion.	Z. Grant to transfer \$418 into the VSA account.
College of Visual and Performing Arts Open Senate Seat	R. Nanna stated that there is an opening on the GSS for the College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA). The faculty has nominated Russell Prigodich as a candidate for the open position. R. Prigodich introduced himself and stated that he is a 3 rd year student in the Master of Fine Arts Sculptor Program who teaches at the Star Store in New Bedford twice a week for UMD. S. Briggs asked R. Prigodich why he wishes to serve on	

	<p>the GSS. R. Prigodich replied that he has heard complaints from the graduate students in his college and he would like to solve some of these issues as the school's representative. These ideas fit with the mission of GSS in supporting all graduate students on campus as well as in the community. R. Prigodich stated that his role for the CVPA will greatly benefit his graduate student constituency and the community as well. He is available to meet on Wed. and Thurs. There were no other questions. R. Prigodich was asked to leave the room while Senators discussed his election. R. Nanna stated that we have not had any representative from the CVPA for over a year leaving a great disconnect with this group and other graduate student groups. R. Nanna also stated that the candidate wants to be here and has faculty recommendation. C. Sauter noted that the candidate is available for our scheduled meetings. S. Briggs stated that this candidate would bring a different perspective to the GSS especially due to working at the Star Store. C. Sauter made a motion to elect J. Prigodich as the representative for the CVPA. Second by J. Murphy. Vote on electing J. Prigodich for CVPA, all in favor. Motion passed. R. Prigodich called back in to the room and was congratulated on being elected as Senator of CVPA</p>	<p>J. Murphy gave R. Prigodich a copy of the fall semester schedule and minutes from the 9/11/14, handout on motions, and CSSA Constitution.</p>
<p>Special Business: J. Murphy resignation as Secretary</p>	<p>R. Nanna announced that J. Murphy resigned as Treasurer of the GSS last week. She has agreed to take minutes for today's meeting. This position needs to be filled at the next meeting after the resignation according to the bylaws. J. Murphy stated that she spoke to R.</p>	

	<p>Nanna and S. Briggs in person last week to resign. J. Murphy was planning to resign her position as the GSS Senator for the College of Nursing (CON) as well as secretary. R. Nanna and S. Briggs persuaded her to continue as the Senator for the CON. It was opened to the Senators to nominate themselves for the position of Secretary. K. Shoemaker stated that she would consider being the secretary. C. Sauter noted that K. Shoemaker cannot make all meetings. K. Shoemaker withdrew her nomination. No one else volunteered. J. Murphy stated she would delay her resignation until the meeting of October 9th. This will give the Senators more time to reconsider nominating themselves for the position of secretary.</p>	<p>A new secretary will be elected at the next meeting (October 9, 2014)</p>
<p>Review of minutes 9/11/14</p>	<p>Motion by Z. Grant to approve the minutes as written. Second by K. Shoemaker. All in favor by unanimous vote. Motion passed.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Update for the Constitutional amendments</p>	<p>R. Nanna met with Dr. Milstone earlier in the week regarding the GSS constitutional amendments. The amendments will be submitted to the Board of Directors at their next meeting. The updated constitution is still pending until Board approval.</p>	<p>The updated constitution will be copied for all Senators when it is approved.</p>
<p>Funding (\$750 from last spring)</p>	<p>R. Nanna gave an update on funds approved last spring. Monies for 22 active graduate students from last semester were divided evenly. Each group received \$538.45. R. Nanna will notify each group President by email so that groups may get started with fall events.</p>	<p>None</p>

<p>GSS funding procedure</p>	<p>R. Nanna discussed GSS funding procedures. Any GSS recognized group may request funding. At this time there are 22 recognized groups. Recognized groups and individuals must submit a budget proposal for funding.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Policy regarding GSS communication to constituents</p>	<p>R. Nanna stated that emails sent to GSS groups by the senators must first be sent to R. Nanna for approval. Any message sent by the Senators is sent as a representative of GSS.</p>	<p>Email communication by Senators to their groups must go through the GSS President first.</p>
<p>Chinese Scholars and Students Association (CSSA) Constitution</p>	<p>T. Fisher sent the Graduate Student Senate his comments related to the Chinese Scholars and Students Association (CSSA) on September 22nd. Refer to email. C. Sauter agreed with the proposed recommendations. J. Murphy also agreed with T. Fisher's suggestions. J. Murphy also had multiple recommendations: we need to find out the percentage of students in this group who are graduate students; are the scholars current graduate students; mixed information regarding Advisory Council (AC) need clarification; purpose #3 needs clarification; membership #1 delete "their family members" as it should be students only; Overview #1 Executive officers need to be named as well as definition of duties/functions added to this section; overview # B2 suggest adding "during one academic year" at the end of the sentence; overview #B3 responsibility differs by position needs to be clearer; in overview #C2 the Advisory Board needs to be separate from the Executive Board; overview #C5 constitution changes must be done through the GSS not by the CSSA-AC; meetings #B1 suggest monthly or twice</p>	<p>C. Sauter will contact Zheng Shu Zheng via email about feedback received related to the CSSA Constitution.</p>

	<p>per semester; election excludes CCCA-AC; suggest rewording of election B5; appeals against election consider E-Board and professor advisor vs. CSSA-AC; removal by E-Board and professor advisor vs, CSSA-AC; removal #B5 not clear as do not state anything about resigned officers; Amendments and bylaws #3 GSS approval needed for minor modifications of the constitution; Amendments and bylaws #4 change from AC to officers and members</p>	
How to Make a Motion (Roberts's Rules of Order)	C. Sauter asked each Senator to review the "How to Make a Motion" handout,	None
Treasurer Account update	<p>G. Grant reported that ticket sales this year will go through a service at UMD instead of EventBrite. This is the college's new way to sign up participants for events. Joanne Costa from ATMC runs this service. Funds have been transferred into the accounts of the 22 active groups recognized by GSS. Transfers will go out today. New groups are frozen for funds via SAIL until they file the organization with SAIL and verify the E-Board and at least 10 members. We now have a solid list of active groups thanks to R. Nanna and Z. Grant. Z. Grant will be emailing the Finance Committee about the next meeting.</p>	None
Move from Executive Board Reports to the Election Committee Reports	<p>A motion was made by C. Sauter to move from the Executive Board Reports to the Election Committee Reports. Second by B. Henderson and J. Murphy. All in favor, motion passed.</p>	None
Election Committee Report	Two positions are open for the College of Arts and Science now that T. Fisher has	J. Truschelli to obtain recommendations

	<p>resigned. J. Truschelli is speaking with the College of Arts and Science faculty for recommendations for potential Senators. J. Truschelli will get an updated count of graduate students registered for each college to make sure we have the correct number of Senators in GSS. This information is obtained through Institutional Research (2nd floor Foster Building) from Tammy or Renee. New secretary position was table for the next meeting.</p>	<p>from faculty of the College of Arts and Science and will contact the Institutional Research Office to obtain numbers of graduate students in each college.</p>
<p>Finance Committee Report</p>	<p>Meeting will be scheduled for the Finance Committee members: Z. Grant, K. Nguyen, S. Conde, C. Sauter and B. Henderson. Details will be sent to the committee members.</p>	<p>Proposed Finance Committee meeting is for Wednesday, October 1st at 6 pm.</p>
<p>Policy Committee Report</p>	<p>CSSA Constitution discussed during the Vice Executive Report.</p>	<p>C. Sauter will contact Zheng Shu Zheng via email about feedback received related to the CSSA Constitution.</p>
<p>Social Committee Report</p>	<p>The GSS Senators reviewed options for Celtics tickets for a fall event. S. Briggs had contacted the Celtics organization. A color coded handout was given to each Senator with dates, day of the week, opponents, time, and prices. The various options were discussed for games this semester. The GSS discussed buying a block of tickets and selling them at approximately \$18 per student which will include the bus trip and fee included in the sign up process. Two buses will be needed for 100 students. Senators decided on the date of 11/23 at 6:00 pm as the best option. Z. Grant and C. Sauter suggested we buy 100 tickets in the \$30-35 range. We will be charged a</p>	

	<p>fee by the UMASSD ticket sales department. C. Sauter made a motion to buy 100 tickets: 50 for \$30 tickets and 50 for \$35 tickets plus 2 buses for an estimated charge of \$700 for the Celtics game vs. the Portland Trailblazers on 11/23 at 6 pm. Second by J. Truschelli. Vote yes unanimously, motion passed. Z. Grant suggested a cap of \$3,500 on ticket sales alone. Discussed charge price to students, assuming the approximate \$2.00 fee per student plus the ticket price this will be approximately \$3,950. If we charged each student \$20 then we will use \$1,950 from our budget for this event. C. Sauter made a motion to charge students \$20 which will include the ticket price and the bus. Second by J. Murphy. Vote unanimous all in favor. Motion passed.</p> <p>The bowling event was a success and well received by students. We used 16 lanes and paid \$975 for the event. Lessons learned for another bowling event – order only cheese pizza as many students were vegetarians, try to have bus announcement sooner as several students went to the bowling alley by cab and returned by the bus. Hopefully more Senators will be able to attend the event next time. Four Senators were present. Winter Gala discussion postponed until next meeting.</p>	<p>S. Briggs will buy 100 tickets in the \$30-35 range for the game on November 23rd. Students will be charged \$20.00.</p> <p>Agenda item for 10/9: Winter Gala</p>
Scholarship Committee Report	None	
Other business	New business: two funding requests for Transformative Researchers and Educators for Democracy Conference and the Legal Association of Women	J. Murphy will send these proposals to Senators prior to the next meeting

	(L.A.W). These requests will be discussed at the next meeting.	
Next meeting	October 9, 2014 in the Campus Center Conference Room	Agenda, minutes and other documents will be sent to Senators 2 days prior to the meeting.

Motion to adjourn made, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Jane M. Murphy
GSS Secretary