**2017-18 GSA Senate Meeting
Friday September 29th, 2017 3:00pm in Moon 110**

**Agenda Items:**

Old Business

1. President Call to Order
2. Roll call—Shumaila
	1. Quorum? Yes
3. Approve previous meeting’s minutes
	1. Motion
	2. Second

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| **Account no.** | **Committee** | **2017-2018 Budget ($)** | **% Available Budget** |
| 5030 | Grants | 5811 | 34.0 |
| 5041 | Social | 5500 | 32.2 |
| 5042 | International  | 2548 | 14.9 |
| 5070 | Speakers | 1778 | 10.4 |
| 5190 | Communications | 136 | 0.8 |
| 5211 | Professional  | 787 | 4.6 |
| 8000 | General/Meetings | 540 | 3.2 |
|  | **Available Budget** | **17100** |  |
| 5130 | Insurance | 2900 |  |
|  | **Total**  | **20000** |  |

* 1. Approved

New Business:

1. Budget Finalization – Greg
	1. Last year $19,580
	2. This year it should be $20,000
	3. Decrease social and increase grants
	4. Get email on edited budget
	5. Motion to accept Daniel
		1. Second Farah
		2. Motion approved
2. Non-profit status: next steps - Ryan
	1. Bylaw amendments
		1. If GSA gets dissolved all assets to be given to USA
		2. Motion to accept
			1. Second Daniel
			2. Motion approved
	2. Apply for tax ID
	3. Set up new Bank Account
3. Sustainability and GSA – Ryan and/or Farah
	1. GSA is a recycle-mania participant
	2. College is moving towards zero waste
	3. Volunteers needed
	4. SUNY sustainability summit zero waste catering event
4. Recap on survey results (“actionable” items)
	1. Grad Student Awards – Grants and Awards committee?
		1. People want them back
		2. Hold off the discussion for what the awards should be and arrange a committee discussion on it and present award titles in the next meeting
	2. Child Care Services
		1. How much need is there?
			1. We have no access to SU one
			2. SUNY SA is making a big push to give everyone access to childcare
		2. SUNY Upstate Child Care as possible alternative as anyone from SUNY campus can use their services however,
			1. Year long wait-list difficult to access their services
			2. Negotiate to be treated as SUNY students
			3. Communicate with the presidents of the concerned institutes
		3. What is the age range for child care?
		4. Is it possible to get one on this campus? Ryan bring it up at the leadership council
		5. Resolution to get Admin to address this
			1. Pass a resolution that says that GS population
			2. Write a resolution > nominated Kirsten
			3. Get in touch with Dr. Malika Carter CDO
			4. Kristen motioned to pass
				1. Second Daniel
				2. Motion approved
	3. Quality of Classes – Graduate curriculum changes
		1. Formal review of graduate program
		2. Task force of grad students to review grad curriculum
		3. Suggested co-teaching course where grad students teach a class with the professors
5. Officer Reports
	1. President- Ryan
		1. Parking lot P20 permit for non-GA students
		2. Oral debate
		3. Satisfactory internal audit
		4. New biosafety committee
		5. Ryan motioned to send someone from USA as representative keeping childcare as priority and the motion was approved
	2. VP of Social- Bob
		1. Cutting social budget
		2. $1000 left for Fall 2017
		3. Wine tour
			1. Total 49 registrations
			2. 41 from students
			3. 8 from guests
		4. Apple picking on October 14th
		5. Hockey night tickets still available
		6. Aim to have better ratio of on-campus/off-campus events and drinking/non-drinking events
			1. Grad student trivia night
			2. Potluck
	3. VP of Grants & Awards- Jorge
		1. Announcement will be sent for Fall grants for new application
		2. Will update Ryan
	4. VP of Professional Development- Chellby
		1. No update
	5. VP of Speakers & Presentations- Jeff
		1. Started presentation competition with Vaishnavi and Chellby
		2. Increase in budget so Jeff will increase the prize money
		3. Jeff to take notes of the entire event so it can be passed on to the next GSA senate
	6. VP of International Activities- Sri
		1. Madhuri as the proxy
		2. International Student retreat is canceled
		3. Tom suggested graduate student retreat and International Student Office will be willing to contribute
		4. Due to limited budget more information needs to be gathered on the cost
		5. Bob and Kristen to take this into consideration
	7. VP of Communications- Rea
		1. Nothing to report
6. Representative Updates
	1. Petition from students to work towards meeting accessibility for students with disability
		1. Elevators
		2. Golf Carts
	2. Kristen will help write the petition
	3. Allocation of budget to maintaining the building and fix them
7. Madhuri motioned to dismiss
	1. Kristen second
	2. Motion approved