**2017-18 GSA Senate Meeting   
Friday November 10th, 2017 3:00pm in Baker 141**

**Agenda Items:**

Old Business

1. President Call to Order
2. Roll call—Shumaila
   1. Quorum? Yes
3. Approve previous meeting’s minutes
   1. Chellby motioned to approve the meetings, Greg second, and motion passes with majority vote.

New Business:

1. Student Activity Fee (voting item)
   1. Part-time fees, scaling or flat rate?
2. Other Student Fees:
   1. Updates from our meeting with the Business Office
   2. In the spring not everyone pays and most people pay in the fall.
   3. If this is fixed, we might not need to increase the student activity fees and would have a budget increase to around $30,000
   4. Greg motioned to leave the student fees at $50 for full time students (Aimee seconds) fall and spring
   5. The motion was opened for discussion:
      1. Do you want to keep increasing fees if you don’t have to?
      2. If this fees issue is fixed with business office, we would have more money than we ever had compared to increasing the fees.
      3. The motion passes unanimously
   6. Part time students > flat-rate of $10 and without the scaling factor fall and spring
      1. Greg motioned to leave the part time fees at flat-rate $10, Kirsten seconds
      2. The motion passes unanimously
3. Child-Care Resolution drafts
   1. Identified a place in room 9 in Moon library and meets code standards
   2. Set aside the building to explore child-care
   3. Moving people from office space in that room
   4. One of the requirements is for it to have plumbing with 1 adult gets 4 infants and no toddlers.
   5. Make the resolution more graduate centered rather than faculty centered considering it is coming from GSA
   6. Looking forward to next meeting for a more finalized draft.
4. Officer Reports
   1. President- Ryan
      1. SUNY student assembly Plattsburg
         1. Veterans (Rea abstains; the rest are on board with it)
         2. Extracurricular resolution (everyone approves)
         3. Perkins loan resolution (everyone approves)
      2. April 6-8th SUNY SA Spring conference
         1. Ryan plans on going
         2. It will be held on Syracuse
         3. More information will be coming out
         4. Come up with budget outline for registration and how many people will be allowed to go (Last year it was $180)
   2. VP of Social- Bob (Kirsten proxy)
      1. Trivia Night/Potluck the week after the thanksgiving
      2. Need to gage the interest in doing that
      3. Representatives to get questions from their departments
      4. There is a tentative date for another TG which depends on the Funding.
   3. VP of Grants & Awards- Jorge
      1. No update
   4. VP of Professional Development- Chellby
      1. ERE, GPES, no one from FNRM
      2. 11am Thursday
      3. Reps please send questions and random trivia please email: kcmcgive@syr.edu
   5. VP of Speakers & Presentations- Jeff
      1. Last presentation competition funding request will be processed soon
      2. $450 paid to Alex for the speaker, Sam Thayer
   6. VP of International Activities- Sri
      1. Showcase and international potluck went really well
   7. VP of Communications- Rea
      1. Scott Shannon will be the Faculty Sponsor
      2. Graduate Student page will be updated and will be represented at
      3. Benefits:
         1. Certificate of grad student teaching (Completing mentored teaching experience and attended seminars)
         2. They may opt out and may be a way to forge teacher requirements for PhD students
         3. Explore stipend for PhD students for teaching requirement (Stipend while you teach a class)
         4. Certain other academic entry seminar
5. Representative Updates
   1. Kirsten retiring as MLA representative > recruiting via a vote in the studio
6. Announcements?
   1. Aimee motioned to dismiss
   2. Ryan seconds
   3. Motion passes