**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. Motion passed unanimously

New Business:

1. Chellby motioned to vote Connor Neville in as LA rep, Dominique seconds, motion passed unanimously
2. Chellby motioned to vote Kirsten in as GSO rep, Aimee seconds (Farah abstain, motion passes with majority vote)
3. Proposed ad hoc committee
   1. For issues related to advocacy against the tax reform bill (and possibly wages)
   2. John and Rose expressed an interest in leading the committee
   3. Rae as the chair
   4. ESF has an office of government relations and get in touch with the person in charge and get her opinion on it
   5. Alex motioned to put in place an ad hoc committee charged with advocacy regarding tax reform bill, Chellby seconds and the motion passed unanimously
4. Last meeting of semester to vote on child care resolution December 13th, 2017 at 3pm location TBD
   1. Committee chairs to make a semester report (what you did and how things went)
   2. With regards to budget use the budget they got for fall
5. Rae motioned to endorse and accept resolution for ‘Support for Graduate and Professional Students’, Dominique seconds and the motion passed unanimously
6. Child Care Resolution Draft Discussion
   1. Draft to be voted on in the next meeting
7. Officer Reports
   1. President- Ryan
      1. Endorse and accept ‘Support for Graduate and Professional Students’ at the SUNY SA meeting
   2. VP of Social- Bob (Aimee)
      1. TGIO December 8th,2017 from 6-9pm Orange Crate
      2. Trivia Night won’t happen this semester and would happen next semester in Nifkin
   3. VP of Grants & Awards- Jorge
      1. Last week was the deadline for travel grants
      2. Total 22 proposals and they are to choose 5
      3. Checking funds to fund 2 more
      4. Ryan: often times get extra awards out next semester when there is money left over
   4. VP of Professional Development- Chellby
      1. Candidacy Panel two weeks ago
      2. Ryan and Jeff represented FCHM and ERE respectively, Chellby and 4 others represented EFB
      3. Have a couple of back-up people next semester since people backed out last minute
      4. Need to keep it for an hour and a half, instead of an hour. The event went on for about 2 hours
      5. Definitely should happen once a year if not every semester
      6. Approximately 16 people attended and they had a lot of questions
   5. VP of Speakers & Presentations- Jeff
      1. Second presentation competition happened on November 30th
      2. Ran smoothly
      3. We had a panel of 3 judges
      4. Will complete a report a submit
      5. Have a workshop on this during the next leadership conference as suggested by Alex George
   6. VP of International Activities- Sri
      1. Not present
      2. No updates
   7. VP of Communications- Rea
      1. FPPP next academic year to start enrollment
      2. Scott Shannon talking it over
8. Representative Updates
   1. Farah
      1. GSO requesting bus routes for Price rite and Price Chopper
   2. Alex
      1. Board of trustees meeting next Friday following to be discussed during the meeting:
      2. Child Care resolution
      3. What is the status of graduate students and program at SUNY ESF?
         1. Dangerously close to losing R3 (national ranking of schools how much research they do) need more PhD students
         2. Formation of ad hoc committee to be discussed at SA
         3. Increasing enrollment and no compensation
9. Announcements
   1. Madhuri: Research committee is working on how to allocate lab spaces
   2. Ryan to Madhuri send finalized document
10. Chellby motioned to adjourn, Farah second the motion and it passed unanimously