**2017-18 GSA Senate Meeting   
Monday March 19th, 2018 11am in Illick 8**

**Agenda Items:**

Old Business

1. President Call to Order
2. Roll call—Shumaila
   1. Quorum? Yes
3. Alex motioned to approve previous meeting’s minutes, Greg seconded and the motion carries.

New Business:

1. Elections
   1. Rea needs information on the number of graduate students and updated position descriptions
   2. Shumaila should request the number of graduate students from the department representatives
2. Child Care Resolution
   1. Meeting to be held with Dr. Malika Carter to draft an official bid
   2. It will be noted down to give graduate students dedicated slots
   3. SUNY send out to take notice of the situation
   4. SU’s graduate students are also facing similar issues and have formulated a committee
   5. Facebook group and website coming soon on Syracuse Graduate Students with Families
3. Discussion on Draft UUP Statement
   1. Two votes took place in Academic Governance
   2. GSA issued a statement in support of the result of those votes
   3. Alex
      1. One of the issue is what is GSA contributing to the situation.
      2. There is deep seated in competence at Physical Plant.
      3. An oversight problem with Illick’s construction and management.
      4. What can GSA say that is constructive?
      5. Our new Chancellor is amazing and should be the target audience and her leadership style would be perfect for SUNY.
      6. We should have a GSA membership vote.
      7. We need to list the requirements of a President.
      8. It would be strategic to release something today before tomorrow’s Academic Governance meeting.
   4. Rea
      1. GSA should support the administrations vote to not being satisfied with Wheeler’s governance in the statement.
      2. Do we want to add on to it with the constructive criticism?
   5. Taylor: We should go ahead and do the big picture idea presented by Alex.
   6. Aimee motioned to send a statement in approval of UUP senate’s vote and would like to send out the official statement generally in support of UUP, Rea seconded, Kirsten abstained, all other voted in favor and the motion carried.
4. Faculty Advisor for next year
   1. Having someone from student affairs was a popular decision
   2. We should have a nice gesture for his 25 years of participation in GSA
   3. Meet with prospective advisees: Sarah Huck, Scott Blair, Laura Crandall
   4. Bob motioned to extend the invitation to the prospective advisees from student affairs to attend our meeting, Kristen seconded, and the motion passed.
   5. Rea motioned to formally recognize Doug on the TG, Dominque seconded, and motion passed.
5. Officer Reports
   1. President- Ryan
      1. Two resolutions to be presented for vote at Academic Governance Meeting on March 20th
         1. Academic excellence fee: Recommendation from AG to increase enrollment and student fees (every student pays around $400)
            1. Get a GSA representative on AG executive committee (GSA has 0 votes on it).
            2. Alex: Can the voting be delayed by next meeting? We weren’t consulted with it and make a motion for that.
            3. Generally, GSA supports delaying the meeting (Rea abstained).
         2. ESF Physics building: Design and construction of the Physics laboratories at ESF
            1. Doesn’t affect us as strongly
            2. Faculty needs to have a part in the design would slow things down (from equipment standpoint it makes a lot sense).
            3. Agree with other things.
            4. There might be some amendments
      2. Will be potentially voted on tomorrow
         1. Vote no for the Academic Excellence Fee if they do not move the voting by next meeting and advocate strongly to delaying the vote.
   2. VP of Social- Bob
      1. TG March 30th with 90’s theme
         1. Email music ideas: Spotify with the help of Daniel
         2. Mario cart competition
      2. TGIO to be held on Saturday and make it ‘outdoorsy’ tentatively on April 3rd
   3. VP of Grants & Awards- Jorge
      1. No updates
   4. VP of Professional Development- Chellby
      1. Elevator Pitch Competition is coming soon
   5. VP of Speakers & Presentations- Jeff
      1. No updates
   6. VP of International Activities- Sri
      1. No updates
   7. VP of Communications- Rea
      1. Logo design email needs to be sent
6. Greg motions to adjourn, Taylor seconds and the motion passes