**2017-18 GSA Senate Meeting
Monday April 2nd, 2018 11am in Moon 110**

**Agenda Items:**

Old Business

1. President Call to Order
2. Roll call—Shumaila
	1. Quorum? Yes
3. Rea motions to approve previous meeting’s minutes, Kirsten seconds and the motion passes unanimously.

New Business:

1. Student Affairs introduction – Laura Crandall/Sarah Houck
	1. What they can do for GSA as faculty advisors
	2. They help USA with their meetings and advise on their management issues
	3. They can help maintain consistency between the two organizations
	4. Graduate Student Office has very few people and their work might over lap
2. Guest Presentation (Energy Management on Campus) – Joshua Arnold
	1. Touched upon topics related to elevator, heat management and analysis, maintenance of heating and cooling on campus during downtime.
	2. Not renewing capital in deferred maintenance would cost campus a lot if the current resources and infrastructure is not maintained.
	3. Suggest restructuring for sustainability at ESF
		1. Energy division – Energy Conservation, Development and Controls (ECDC)
		2. Sustainable operations and services
		3. Facilities planning, design and construction
3. Draft Resolution/Statement of Support for Mark Lichtenstein – Alex Poisson
	1. This is to say that GSA supports it and then work with USA to jointly support it.
	2. Taylor, Kirsten commented on whether this would do a good job at commending the work of Top leadership as it mainly focuses on Mark
	3. Rea agree that there should be more focus on restructuring efforts of Physical Plant and Mark should be appreciated separately
	4. Who are we trying to communicate this to? Broad movement and maybe the administration
	5. We want to support the ongoing sustainability efforts and separate commendation for Mark.
	6. Kirsten motion to do another round of edits of the draft, Taylor seconds, and motion passes unanimously
4. Co-sponsorship request from USA (Unity Dinner) – Ryan
	1. USA wants to have something to bring the campus together and relieve the tension together
	2. Can GSA contribute $200 for the event?
	3. Bake off competition on 24th April from 5 to 6pm
	4. Aimee motions to accept the co-sponsorship ($200), Bob seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
5. IDE Committee Report – Shumaila
	1. Childcare
		1. A couple of childcare workshops are coming up.
		2. Shumaila will send out notification when they are confirmed.
		3. They can also take online courses.
	2. Golf Carts for Accessibility
		1. IDE got SUNY Performance Improvement Funds.
		2. Working on the golf cart and in the meanwhile the physical plant has given us the access to their vehicles to transport people across the campus.
		3. IDE will advertise when they receive the money and place an order which may take some time.
	3. International Student Organization/Association
		1. Scott Blair and Tom Carters office are working together to start this from next year.
		2. In the beginning ISO/ISA would work under Scott Blair’s office along with LASS, Kings Court, Baobab etc. for a year and then it would hopefully have funding from other sources.
6. Childcare Update – Kirsten
	1. As a result of GSA resolution, Dr. Malika Carter are going ahead with research phase to start a facility on campus.
	2. There will be four awareness sessions.
	3. Get data for how many students have children
	4. Do this again for next senate
	5. Ryan and Kirsten will work on writing the grant
7. Officer Reports
	1. President- Ryan
		1. SUNYSA this weekend (April 6th-8th)
			1. Four the GSA representatives going
		2. Round Table Discussion “Moving Forward”
			1. Ryan facilitated the last one
			2. The same time as elevator pitch
		3. Debit Card Processes (purchasing, liability, destruction)
			1. It is important to know where the card is
			2. There should a process in place for the use of card (in the by-laws)
			3. Greg and Ryan are the only ones allowed to give it to people to use
			4. Down the road you have the power to have more etc.
			5. Anyone who needs a big purchase let Greg and Ryan know
		4. Reminder – need executive reports before the final meeting (4/30)!
			1. How the events were planned, how it went and any recommendations
			2. This is for incoming senate to update them on what has been done and how it went
			3. Representatives also need to do this but it could be a little shorter
		5. Senate transfer meeting
			1. To be arranged with Doug there
			2. He should be given commendation
			3. There needs to be a doodle poll to arrange a meeting when he is available
		6. Salary Group
			1. 300,000 pulled out of reserve to talk about graduate student stipend
			2. It would be a one-time boost for now
			3. The purpose of the meeting was how can this allocated and what changes can be made in the budget to build it into a plan that increases the salaries.
			4. Talk to Joe Rufo and Scott Shannon and have them together on the next stipend meeting
			5. GSEU negotiated and are getting 2% increase in payment SUNY wide
			6. Request information on the number of TAs per department and the number of graduate students
	2. VP of Social- Bob
		1. Trivia Night tomorrow and use communications office
			1. Most said they should invite USA and undergrads
		2. TG at Clark Reservation April 28th and rain location would be Orange Crate
		3. Brewery Tour haven’t received a lot of sign ups and send it out again and would have to cancel the school bus
		4. April 22nd 9:30 5K run 8$ for students and $10 for non-students. In need of volunteers to mark the course and direct runners all the proceeds go to Central New York Chapter (Prizes and Food)
	3. VP of Grants & Awards- Jorge
		1. 4 different awards are going to be announced
		2. Prize: Certificates and tea strainer
		3. Nominations due 24th April 2, 2018
	4. VP of Professional Development- Chellby
		1. No updates
	5. VP of Speakers & Presentations- Jeff
		1. No updates
	6. VP of International Activities- Sri
		1. Potluck this Thursday OIE and Student Counselling
	7. VP of Communications- Rea
		1. GSA elections:
			1. If one wants to be re-nominated nomination due this Friday
			2. Elections to start next week
		2. Seals:
			1. Select 3 from the 6 submissions
			2. A, D, and E for final selection
8. Representative Updates and Announcements
	1. Madhuri
		1. Spotlight on Research in need of volunteers for judging undergraduates
	2. Laura
		1. Graduate Students in May commencement

Kirsten motions to adjourn and Dominique seconds and the motion passes unanimously.